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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

GRAND LODGE

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FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

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The Rev. T. E. E. E. E. E.

Israel Israel

R.W. Grand Master.

1803 - 1805.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, March 7, A.D.1917, A.L. 5917.

PRESENT:

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" JAMES B. KRAUSE	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" JOHN S. SELL	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR .	<i>Acting R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" THOMAS F. WELLS . .	<i>Acting R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
" JOHN A. PERRY	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Master.</i>
" JAMES E. LORD	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM . .	
" THOMAS BIDDLE ELLIS .	
" ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . .	
" DUDLEY T. LIMERICK .	
" SAMUEL J. BREDIN . .	
" JOHN E. McCULLY . .	
" THADDEUS G. HELM . .	
" SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR .	
" CHARLES A. SULLIVAN .	
" THADDEUS S. ADLE . .	
" JENKIN HILL	
" EDGAR S. NASH	
" JOSEPH F. ANDREWS . .	
" MILTON P. SCHANTZ . .	
" HAROLD N. RUST	
" THOMAS F. WELLS . .	
" JOHN W. CODDING . . .	

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Bro. S. CARBON WOLFE . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ HENRY H. BAISH . . .	
“ W. HARRISON WALKER .	
“ WILLIAM J. GEALY . .	
“ DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	
“ ADRIAN W. MCCOY . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON .	
“ RALPH M. ALLISON . .	
“ R. KAY PORTSER . . .	
“ JOHN M. CORE	
“ J. HARRIS MUSSINA . .	
“ HOWARD C. FRONTZ . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ HARVEY A. MCKILLIP .	
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH .	
“ WILLIAM A. JORDAN . .	
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL .	
“ JOHN G. BROAD	
“ GEORGE HAY KAIN . .	
“ WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR	
“ ERNEST L. WENTWORTH .	
“ FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES	
“ WILLIAM D. MCILROY .	
“ J. HARVEY HARRISON .	
“ BENJAMIN PAGE	
“ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT .	
“ FRANK B. LYNCH . . .	} <i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF . .	
“ A. LAWRENCE MILLER .	
“ FRANCIS M. TAIT . . .	
“ THOMAS H. FENTON . .	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . .	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ WILLIAM D. MCILROY .	<i>As Grand Steward.</i>
“ J. HARRIS MUSSINA . .	<i>As Grand Steward.</i>
“ GEORGE M. MCCANDLESS	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ JOHN B. PATTERSON . .	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ FRANK G. HARTMAN . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MARCH 7, 1917.

175 Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock,
P.M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 6, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, and of the Annual Grand Communication, held December 27, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, were read and separately approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from W. L. H. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 261, held at Scranton, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it a duplicate Warrant in lieu of the original which was lost in December, 1916, while apparently in the charge of the then Master, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The following resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Finance was adopted:

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Resolved, That as there is a balance of cash on hand in the Sinking Fund of over \$73,000 and that this will probably be increased shortly to over \$130,000 and there are no bonds offering for redemption—it is the sense of the Commissioners that in view of the Resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge on September 2nd, 1908, authorizing “Masonic Home Loan of Grand Lodge” in which Resolution it was provided that it “be redeemable at pleasure of the Grand Lodge at any time after five years from the respective dates of issue of said certificates” (all of the outstanding certificates being of the issue of June 1st, 1911), that they therefore now ask the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge to recommend that Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication to be held on March 7th authorize and direct the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania to call for redemption upon thirty days’ notice, not exceeding \$130,000 of the said certificates and that the certificates shall be drawn by the Commissioners and the call shall in accordance therewith be made through the Grand Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on separate motions, adopted:

WHEREAS, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania have an interest in the residuary estate of DAVID BARRICK, deceased,

AND, WHEREAS, Said estate consists, inter alia, of certain unimproved real estate at Bradentown, Florida,

AND, WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Trust Company, Trustee of said estate, has received an offer of \$2,500.00 for the

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purchase of the following property located in Bradentown, Florida, viz. :—

<i>Lot</i>	<i>Block</i>	
5 & 6	F	Hortons Adn. 27 34 17
12 to 18 inc.	8	Westfield " " "
1	9	" " "
1	D	Cherrys Subn 26

AND, WHEREAS, The sum of \$2,500.00 is considered a fair and reasonable price for the above mentioned property,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Committee on Finance hereby recommend to Grand Lodge that Grand Lodge concur in the acceptance of \$2,500.00, and that the Grand Secretary notify the Philadelphia Trust Company, Trustee, of this action.

WHEREAS, The Illinois Masonic Hospital Association, of Chicago, Ill., in a fraternal spirit for eight years at the request of Brownsville Lodge No. 60, assumed the entire care of Miss Mary A. Kimber, a daughter of a Master Mason, a member of Brownsville Lodge No. 60, the said Miss Kimber now being in the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital at Elizabethtown,

AND, WHEREAS, The said Brownsville Lodge No. 60 is unable to meet the payment of \$1,356.39, representing the amount due the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association, Chicago, Ill.,

AND, WHEREAS, An adjustment of the claim of said Illinois Masonic Hospital Association, of Chicago, Ill., has been agreed upon by Brownsville Lodge No. 60,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That Grand Lodge advance to Brownsville Lodge No. 60 the sum of \$678.19, which is to be paid by Brownsville Lodge No. 60 to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association, of Chicago, Ill., in full payment of the above mentioned claim with the understanding that Brownsville Lodge No. 60 shall repay to Grand Lodge the amount so

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advanced by Grand Lodge to it, at the earliest opportunity, and shall give an undertaking to this effect in form and substance satisfactory to the Committee on Finance of Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 135 and 687 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 432 be amended as follows:

Article VII, Section 4, by striking out "upon payment of the Grand Lodge dues, shall be entitled to all the privileges of Life Membership" and inserting in lieu thereof "shall thereafter pay Grand Lodge dues only."

And that as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 548 be returned to said Lodge with directions to adopt a code of By-Laws in conformity with the form approved by the Grand Master.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 683 be returned to said Lodge with directions to amend same in accordance with the notations on the copy.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws

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of Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 45, 52, 61, 71, 130, 155, 190, 211, 219, 221, 223, 265, 274, 296, 308, 316, 325, 375, 400, 410, 421, 427, 441, 450, 464, 472, 481, 482, 502, 508, 510, 511, 528, 538, 543, 567, 576, 590, 591, 599, 600, 601, 606, 609, 620, 644, 645, 646, 647, 650, 656, 679, and 686 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 91 be amended in accordance with notations on the copy and that, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 4, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 318 be amended by striking out " St. John's Day next succeeding such meeting " and inserting in lieu thereof " the night of the annual election " and that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article VIII, Section 3, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 374 be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
CHARLES S. WOOD,

Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Printing and Publishing respectfully report that, after having submitted to competitive printers

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the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the year 1916, they awarded the contract to the J. B. Lippincott Company, of Philadelphia, they being the lowest bidders.

The edition consists of five thousand copies, containing besides the picture of the Masonic Temple, the portrait of Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES. Of this edition two hundred copies will be bound in half-morocco.

In conclusion your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a steel plate engraving of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ISRAEL ISRAEL, who presided over Grand Lodge 1803-1805, be procured and appear as a part of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year 1917.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. BELLWS,
EDWARD A. STOCKTON,
G. ELLWOOD WAGNER,
THOMAS J. S. NICELY,
FREDERICK H. MACINTIRE,

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1917.

The Grand Secretary offered the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, C. H. A. D., formerly a member of ——— Lodge No. ———, having appealed under date of July 10, 1916, to the Grand Lodge, from the action of said Lodge No. ———, in expelling him on January 17, 1916, which appeal was presented at the Quarterly Communication held September 6, 1916, and having failed to comply with Article XIII, Sections 20 and 25, Ahiman Rezon, requiring him to submit the necessary papers which were furnished to him by the

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Lodge; even after several requests of him by the Grand Secretary to do so, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appeal of C. H. A. D. be dismissed from the further consideration of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master in announcing his attendance at the Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, stated as follows:

It was my privilege on February 21st and 22nd to attend the seventh annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia.

Twenty-six Grand Jurisdictions were represented, and others heard from who were not in attendance.

The reports of the officers showed that the Association had on hand:

Cash	\$49,000.00	
Subscriptions not paid in, all of		
which were good	37,500.00	
And land which had been donated		
for the site of the proposed		
memorial to GEORGE WASHINGTON,		
by Alexandria-Washington		
Lodge No. 22 in Alexandria,		
valued at approximately.....	40,000.00	
		————— \$126,500.00

It was with regret that I observed that Pennsylvania, one of the greatest Jurisdictions, and the Jurisdiction which granted a charter to the Lodge over which Brother WASHINGTON presided, had, as a Grand Lodge, contributed nothing toward the enterprise, and that of the sixty-four honor memberships at \$100 each, but eleven had been taken within our

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entire Jurisdiction. This was particularly regrettable, because of the close relationship which existed between Brother WASHINGTON's Masonic history and our Grand Lodge. Some of the States gave \$5,000; others, \$3,000. In two instances, the subscriptions to life honor membership had been over-subscribed.

The Association adopted preambles and resolutions, committing itself to the building of a memorial, in the following language:

"The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in its Seventh Annual Convention, after a full and free discussion of the high purpose of the Organization, fully recognizing the great importance of the work it has in hand, its strong influence not alone upon our Fraternity but upon Nations and the peoples of the world, cheered by the liberal response thus far made by the Grand Bodies and individual Masons through the United States, believe it imperative that we proceed with our lofty intention of erecting a Masonic Memorial to GEORGE WASHINGTON and the Masonic Fraternity in the form of a Temple in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, where the several Grand Jurisdictions may perpetuate in imperishable form, the memory and achievements of the men whose distinguished services, zealous attachment, and unswerving fidelity to the principles of our institution merit particular and lasting reward, and as a safe repository in which to preserve and protect the invaluable relics of Washington now in a non-fireproof building in Alexandria, Virginia, in possession of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, therefore, be it now

"*Resolved*, That this Association commits itself to the advancement of its avowed intention and the erection on the Shooters Hill site, generously donated by the Local Memorial Committee of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, said Memorial Temple to cost not less than Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000)."

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From every point of view, Pennsylvania should do its full share toward the erection of this splendid monument to a great Pennsylvania Mason, and one whose memory the world holds in such high esteem.

The Grand Master caused to be read the following circular letter, which had been sent to the Lodges in this Jurisdiction:

March 17, 1917.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER
OF LODGE NO. —

Dear Sir and Brother:

My attention having been brought to the so-called Masonic prayer, which is being circulated through this Jurisdiction, with the request that copies thereof be made and mailed so that the chain may not be broken, you are hereby directed to *announce* at the next stated meeting of the Lodge that the use of chain letters by Lodges or individual members of the Fraternity is strictly prohibited. You are further directed to *print* in the announcement of the next stated meeting of your Lodge, a notice that the members are prohibited from giving any recognition whatever to this so-called Masonic prayer.

Cordially and fraternally,

LOUIS A. WATRES,
Grand Master.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock, 20 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, June 6, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917.

PRESENT:

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .	
“ JAMES E. LORD . . .	
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM . .	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ CALVIN O. ALTHOUSE . .	
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . . .	
“ DUDLEY T. LIMERICK . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JENKIN HILL . . .	
“ JOSEPH F. ANDREWS . . .	
“ MILTON P. SCHANTZ . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. PUGH . . .	
“ HAROLD N. RUST . . .	
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
“ JOHN W. CODDING . . .	
“ S. CARBON WOLFE . . .	

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Bro. EZRA C. DOTY	}	
" W. HARRISON WALKER	}	
" DAVID A. SAWDEY	}	
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH	}	
" R. KAY PORTSER	}	
" JOHN M. CORE	}	
" J. HARRIS MUSSINA	}	
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
" JAMES K. SCOTT	}	
" WILLIAM A. JORDAN	}	
" WILLIAM H. MAXWELL	}	
" JOHN G. BROAD	}	
" J. HARVEY HARRISON	}	
" BENJAMIN PAGE	}	
" SION B. SMITH	}	
" CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD	}	
" FRANK B. LYNCH	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF	}	
" A. LAWRENCE MILLER	}	
" THOMAS H. FENTON		<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JOHN F. LAEDLEIN		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" WILLIAM H. WREN		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" HORACE E. CAMPBELL		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" SAMUEL J. BREDIN		<i>As Grand Marshal.</i>
" JOHN B. PATTERSON		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" FRANK G. HARTMAN		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

140 Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock,
5 minutes, P.M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication,
held March 7, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917, were read and
approved.

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Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from G. N. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

Brother JOHN WANAMAKER, Chairman, Committee on Library, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, Two hundred years ago this very month on the day of Saint John The Baptist, June 24th, 1717, four Lodges met with other Brethren at the Appletree Tavern in London, England, in a convention to organize a supreme body of the Freemasons.

These Lodges were: No. 1, at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard; No. 2, at the Crown, in Parks Lane, near Drury Lane; No. 3, at the Appletree Tavern, in Charles Street, Covent Garden; No. 4, at the Rummer and Grape Tavern, in Channel Row, Westminster.

They put into the chair the oldest Master Mason, being the Master of a Lodge, and by a show of a majority of hands elected MR. ANTHONY SAYER, gentleman, Grand Master of Masons, who was then and there invested with the badge of his office, and all powers flowing therefrom under the ancient charges of Free and Accepted Masons. No change was made in the rights, liberties, privileges or duties incident to brotherhood in this Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, but that first

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association of Master Masons assumed the right to be a sovereign organization of the Fraternity, which title has been recognized by the Brethren over all the civilized world.

Charters and warrants were granted by it, giving organized fraternal life to subordinate bodies in all countries where the English language was spoken, and during two hundred years that allegiance has been unchallenged.

Twelve years later, in 1729, a Grand Lodge of Masons was constituted in Ireland by the same authority as that of the Grand Lodge of England. Two years later, in 1731, the Lodges of Freemasons of Philadelphia organized themselves into a Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, of Pennsylvania, as a sovereign organization, by like authority, of which the late Brother W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, than whom there is no higher Masonic authority, in his introduction to the "Cæmentaria Hibernica," Dublin, 1895, says: "The original Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was formed by immemorial right, just as the Grand Lodge of England was formed, by the cohesion of subordinate Lodges, similarly formed by immemorial right—not otherwise. To my mind, your Grand Lodge, formed by ancient, indefeasible right, stands on far other ground, than if it had been formed by a dubious warrant, that is, permission from an outside power that had itself been formed in the higher way."

The relation between the Grand Lodge of England and that of Pennsylvania has ever been of the most intimate and cordial character, and many exchanges of fraternal courtesy are evidenced by our records.

On September 25, 1786, thirteen subordinate lodges, working by virtue of warrants from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in convention assembled, resolved to sever jurisdictional relation with the Grand Lodge of England, owing entirely to conditions produced by the Revolutionary War.

In acknowledging receipt of this declaration, by a letter of record in Book No. 3, of the Grand Lodge of England,

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page 283, it is stated, "Masonry being an universal and beautiful system of philanthropy unconnected with the politics of states or modes of religion, of which the maxims of the Craft wisely forbid us to meddle lest dissension might ensue—I am directed to assure you that the Grand Lodge of England, ever ready to promote and extend the universality of the order, will continue to receive in its Lodge the Brethren initiated in the Lodges of America."

June 24th next, will mark the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the creation of the Grand Lodge of England. The world's progress has been recorded by many voluntary and involuntary changes of government, so that no nation exists to-day of the governmental form or type as of June, 1717. Many designs of government by nation and empire have been exploited and failed. The Governments of England and the United States alone remain unchanged in their substantial forms of administration of law and protection of rights of people and property. Freemasonry has not been added to or detracted from in either country. The controlling principles are and have been continuously the same; the Rules, Regulations and Ancient Landmarks are alike venerated and observed.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons—the first duly organized Grand Lodge of Masons in the Western Hemisphere—herewith sends its felicitations and greetings of fraternal good will to the United Grand Lodge of England, the parent Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in the world, on this bi-centennial of its organization, in the prayerful hope that the future will assure to all the members of these Grand Lodges and to all regular Freemasons in the world a continuance of reciprocal obligations and fraternal rights, and that the Grand Master of the Universe may speedily give to all the people of the earth a permanency of Peace and Goodwill.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, transmit to the

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United Grand Lodge of England, through its Grand Master, His Royal Highness, THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT and STRATHEARN, K.G., a duly certified copy of the foregoing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The following preamble and resolution attached to the report of the Committee on Finance was, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging have an interest in the residuary estate of DAVID H. BARRICK, deceased,

AND, WHEREAS, At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on March 7, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917, it was agreed that the following described real estate: Situate in the City of Bradentown, County of Manatee, State of Florida

Lots 5 and 6 of Block "F" of F. N. Horton's Subdivision of the East part of Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, as said Plat is recorded on page 138, of Plat Book No. 1, Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

Lot 1 of Block "B" South of Manatee Avenue, as per Plat of M. F. Cherry's Subdivision of part of Section 26, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, as per Plat recorded in Plat Book No. 1, on page 194, Public Records of Manatee County, Florida.

Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Block 8, and Lot 1 of Block 9, of Westfield, J. K. Singletary's Subdivision in the South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, as per Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book No. 1, on page 209, Public Records of Manatee County, Florida, which is part of said residuary estate, should be sold for the sum of \$2,500 and that the Grand Lodge concur in the acceptance of same.

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Now Therefore Be it Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be and they are hereby authorized and directed for and in behalf of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, to join with the other parties in interest in the execution and delivery of such deed of conveyance or other assurance in the law as may be required for the proper and lawful conveyance of the above described real estate, and the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attach the seal of Grand Lodge to such deed or assurance in the law that may be required for such conveyance.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 457 and 469 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 288 be amended as follows:

Article IV, Section 1, by striking out the following: "unless satisfactory reasons be given for his non-appearance."

And that, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 362

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be returned to said Lodge with directions to amend same in accordance with the notations on the copy:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 487 be amended as follows:

Article VIII, Section 4, by striking out the words "be exempt from all further dues, except two dollars per year and in addition to one-half of all Grand Lodge assessments" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "pay thereafter three dollars per year as dues."

And that, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 540 be returned to said Lodge with directions to adopt a code of By-Laws in conformity with the form approved by the Grand Master.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 22, 67, 131, 156, 229, 243, 268, 274, 278, 382, 386, 392, 410, 427, 453, 463, 470, 479, 494, 506, 525, 535, 573, 574, 583, 604, 609, 616, 619, 624, 631, 632, 634, 635, 649, 657, 670, 674, 678, 680, 684, and 685 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 19 be not approved and that the Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article XI, Section 4, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 130 be not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 3, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 282 be further amended by striking out the words "commencing as of June First, 1917" and that, as so amended, it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article V, Section 1, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 374 be further amended by striking out in the third and seventh lines the words, "until same is found unnecessary" and that, as so amended, it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article XII

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of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 437 be further amended by adding thereto the following: "and that present Article XIII be made to read Article XII" and that, as so amended, it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article VII of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 472 be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
CHARLES S. WOOD,
Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6, 1917.

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER offered the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, At a meeting of the Grand Lodge, held December 27, 1915, report was made that GUSTAVUS GROEZINGER, late of the City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, deceased, in and by his last will and testament, provided, inter alia, as follows:

"Second: I give, and devise the residence in which I now reside on Marietta Avenue, to 'The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania,' In Trust, nevertheless to sell the same either at public or private sale for the best price that may be gotten for the same and with the proceeds thereof to erect a Memorial Building, the use of the same to be determined by said Lodge, the name of 'Groezinger,' however, to appear as part of the designation,

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title, or name of such building, which building is to be erected on the grounds at Elizabethtown, Pa., where a new home is now being erected for aged and infirm Masons."

AND, WHEREAS, At said meeting of Grand Lodge, a resolution was passed as follows:

"*Resolved*, That Grand Lodge does hereby accept the said legacy, subject to all the terms and conditions therein declared, and the Grand Master is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all papers, and take any action that may be found necessary or convenient in giving full force and effect to this acceptance."

AND WHEREAS, Pursuant to the terms of said will, and of said resolution, the Grand Lodge, by its Grand Master and Grand Secretary, entered into an agreement dated April 1, 1916, with Robert W. Groezinger, of the City of Lancaster aforesaid, to sell and convey to him said premises, according to the following description, and on the following terms, among others:

"ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground with a three-story brick dwelling house thereon erected, situate on the Northeast side of the Lancaster and Marietta Turnpike, also known as Marietta Avenue, partly in Lancaster City and partly in Lancaster Township, bounded and described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a point on said Turnpike, a corner of land of Frank A. Rieker's Estate, thence along said Rieker's land north twenty-six (26) degrees thirty (30) minutes east four hundred and fifty-two (452) feet to a point in land now or late of George B. Willson, et al., thence along the same North forty-five (45) degrees forty-two (42) minutes West, fifty-nine (59) feet eight (8) inches to a point; thence by property of the estates of Gustavus Groezinger and Frank A. Rieker south thirty-one (31) degrees thirty (30) minutes West four hundred and forty-three (443) feet to a point in said Turnpike; thence along said Turnpike south fifty-three (53) degrees East, one hundred feet (100) to the place of beginning.

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“ Subject to the express condition that not more than one dwelling house fronting on said Turnpike or Marietta Avenue, aforesaid, shall be erected on said lot and that no building shall be erected nearer the front line on said Turnpike or Marietta Avenue than sixty (60) feet, on the terms and conditions following, to wit:

“ Being the same premises which George B. Willson, et al., by deed dated June 4, 1894, and recorded in Record Book Q, Vol. 14, page 386, granted and conveyed to GUSTAVUS GROEZINGER, and being the same premises which GUSTAVUS GROEZINGER, by his last will and testament, dated February 13, 1913, duly proven November 9, 1915, and recorded in Will Book Y, vol. 2, page 294, devised to the party of the first part hereto.

“ The said party of the Second Part agrees to pay for said property the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) on delivery of deed as hereinafter provided and also agrees to pay the collateral inheritance tax assessed against said property by reason of the devise thereof by GUSTAVUS GROEZINGER to the party of the first part hereto and all interest or penalties accruing or to accrue thereon; and in consideration of the party of the second part having occupied said premises since the death of GUSTAVUS GROEZINGER and being now in possession thereof the said party of the second part convenents and agrees to pay all local taxes now assessed against said property or which may hereafter be assessed against said property until the delivery of the deed aforesaid and also all water rent due and to become due and also interest on the purchase price aforesaid of \$10,000.00 from April 1, 1916, at the rate of five per cent. (5 per cent.) per annum until delivery of the deed on or before April 1, 1917.

“ The light and electric fixtures, heaters, radiators, steam piping, ranges, etc., annexed to the said property are included in the said sale.”

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Grand Lodge

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does hereby ratify, and approve the said sale of said premises to the said Robert W. Groezinger, on the terms aforesaid, and the Grand Master, LOUIS A. WATRES, Grand Secretary, JOHN A. PERRY, and GEORGE S. GRAHAM, GEORGE T. OLIVER, H. OSCAR KLINE, FRANK M. TREXLER, and JAMES W. LATTA, Trustees of the Title to the Masonic Temple and other real estate of the Grand Lodge, are authorized in the name of "The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging," to execute and deliver unto said Robert W. Groezinger, his heirs and assigns, a deed conveying said premises as above described, to affix to said deed the seal of the Grand Lodge, and to acknowledge said deed as and for the act and deed of "The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging."

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER offered the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, Our late Brother ARTHUR J. ROWLAND provided by his last will and testament, as follows:

"Item 2—I give the remainder of my estate of whatsoever kind and wheresoever situate unto William J. Thomas, in trust nevertheless as follows:

"To pay the income thereof to my friend Emma Jones, provided, however, that he allow her the use of my dwelling and furnishings thereof, as and for the place of her residence, when and so long as she may please; and upon her death, to convert all my said estate into cash and pay the proceeds thereof to the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania for the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania."

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AND, WHEREAS, By resolution, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M. at its Quarterly Communication, September 6, 1916, gave its consent to the sale of the real estate of which Brother ROWLAND died possessed, and said real estate was sold January 24, 1917;

AND, WHEREAS, The entire estate of Brother ROWLAND, real and personal, reduced to cash, amounted to \$711.80, and the legal claims against the same to \$684.52, leaving a balance of \$27.35;

AND, WHEREAS, It appears that said Emma Jones is in needy circumstances: therefore be it

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge, that it waive its claim to any share of the estate of Brother ROWLAND in favor of said Emma Jones, and that said executor be, and is, hereby authorized and directed to pay any balance of said estate in his hands to said Emma Jones, without any further accountability to the Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE offered the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS, CHARLES S. BIGONY, late of the Borough of Sunbury, County of Northumberland, State of Pennsylvania, died on the 20th day of October, 1916, leaving to survive him a widow, Edith W. Bigony, and no other heirs, having by his last will and testament dated the 30th day of June, 1916, and duly probated and recorded at Sunbury, County of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, given, devised and bequeathed as follows:

“ I wish all expenses and obligations to be paid. A lot in Pomfort Manor Cemetery bought and also a monument bought.

“ I wish my business sold to best advantage and money invested.

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“ The interest of or income from all Real Estate and all personal property so invested to be used by my wife Edith W. Bigony as long as she lives. At her death, the whole to go to the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, Pa.”

(Signed) CHARLES S. BIGONY.

WHEREAS, The said CHARLES S. BIGONY died seized in his demesne as of fee, inter alia, of all that certain piece or tract of land situate in Limestone Township, County of Union and State of Pennsylvania, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a stone, a corner, between lands of D. K. Crossgrove and the heirs of J. W. Seebold; thence along lands of the said C. K. Crossgrove, north seventy-one (71) degrees east ninety-eight (98) perches to a stone; thence along same north thirteen and one-half ($13\frac{1}{2}$) degrees west four (4) perches to a stone; thence along same north seventy-one (71) degrees and thirty (30) perches to a post; thence along same south twenty-seven (27) and one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) degrees east forty (40) perches to a hickory; thence along lands of A. C. Spitler south forty-seven (47) degrees west six (6) perches to a point; thence along same south twelve (12) degrees east twenty-five and five-tenths (25.5) perches to a point in public road; thence along said public road south sixty-eight and one-half ($68\frac{1}{2}$) degrees west one hundred and forty-eight (148) perches to a point in said public road; thence by lands of J. W. Seebold's heirs; north nineteen (19) degrees west fifty-four (54) perches to a point; thence along same north eighty-five and one-half ($85\frac{1}{2}$) degrees east eight and eight-tenths (8.8) perches to a point; thence along same north three (3) degrees west twenty (20) perches to a stone, the place of beginning. Containing fifty-six acres (56) and one (1) perch be the same more or less.

Which said above described premises are in a dilapidated condition and unproductive, and it is desired by the said Edith W. Bigony that the same be sold and the money deposited in

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the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Company, with the interest payable to the said Edith W. Bigony for and during her natural life, and at her death the principal to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the use of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

WHEREAS, Philip Charles Linderman and Martha Amelia Linderman have agreed to purchase the said above described premises for the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty (\$450.00) Dollars, payable in cash, when a good and sufficient deed is tendered to them for the said premises executed by the said Edith W. Bigony and the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania joining therein, and, whereas, the said sum is a fair and conscionable price for the said above described premises and all that could be obtained therefor.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be and are hereby authorized and empowered to join in said deed conveying the interest of the said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge in the above described premises to the above named purchasers.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master made the following announcement:

You will recall the request made to Lodges for a report as to the Charity Fund, amount of dues received and the amount paid out for charity, refreshments, etc. That report is in from all but two Lodges and I am not going into detail but in a general way. The amount received by Lodges for dues is \$645,600.52, initiations and fees \$604,813.47, sundries \$235,181.08, total receipts \$1,485,595.07. Gave charity \$68,836.38 and spent for banquets and cigars \$242,509.79. There are twenty-two Lodges who had no initiations during 1916 and 141 Lodges gave nothing toward charity, 31 Lodges gave no banquets and there were 64 Lodges who gave more for charity than for banquets out of 503 Lodges. We all

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agree that the social side of Masonry must not be overlooked, it is an important side, but on the other hand there should be a very clear line drawn between excess and temperance and the proper use of banquets. I shall leave this matter entirely in your minds. I only suggest to you that \$242,000 for Lodges to give for banquets and for cigars is a good deal of money in these times.

Grand Lodge in 1880 (Proceedings of 1880, page 45) in saying that, in inquiring upon a petition for initiation and membership, the question of residence should receive the most careful attention, and that a full and searching inquiry must be made as to the standing and character of the petitioner and his fitness to be made a Mason, decided: "This inquiry, to be effectual, must be made at his home and of those who know him."

Evidence is not wanting that there has been a good deal of laxity upon the part of committees of inquiry in the performance of their duties.

The above quoted decision of Grand Lodge has been by many interpreted to mean the domicile or the municipality in which the petitioner lives. I do not so understand this ruling. The inquiry should be made at the actual home of the petitioner. The home is the unit of society and it should not be ignored by committees of inquiry.

It is ordered that hereafter at least one member of the Committee of Inquiry appointed by a Lodge shall visit the actual home of the petitioner, and that the Committee, in making its report, shall certify that at least one of its members has visited the home of the petitioner, naming the member who did so visit the home.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Allentown, Lehigh County, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

In Memoriam.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother
GEORGE WILKINS GUTHRIE

Brother GEORGE C. BURGWIN, Past Master of Franklin Lodge No. 221, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Right Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

GEORGE WILKINS GUTHRIE was born in Pittsburgh, on the 5th day of September, 1848.

He was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh, and in the year 1867 was graduated at the Western University of Pennsylvania, now the University of Pittsburgh, which in 1905 conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. The same honor was also conferred upon him by Trinity College, Hartford. He studied law at the Columbian University, now the George Washington University, District of Columbia, from which he was graduated in 1869, and he was admitted to the practice of law at the Bar of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on the 11th day of November of the same year.

Following in the footsteps of his distinguished ancestors, who were among the "makers of America," and stimulated by their example, GEORGE WILKINS GUTHRIE set out on the journey of life with lofty ideals and high standards.

He chose as his life partner Florence, daughter of General Thomas M. Howe, of Pittsburgh, to whom he was married on the 2nd day of December, 1886, and who survives him.

He entered into Masonic life in Franklin Lodge No. 221, on the 18th day of September, 1873, and proceeded to climb the heights.

He became Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 1880, and

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in the same year was elected by it, Representative in the Grand Lodge. In 1889, he was appointed by the Grand Master a member of the Committee on Appeals, on which he served continuously until he was elected Junior Grand Warden in December, 1904. He served in regular succession as Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, and on December 27th, St. John's Day, 1909, he was installed in the station of Right Worshipful Grand Master.

He was a diligent student and a hard worker in his profession, but was always ready to take part in doing the world's work; and whatever the undertaking, he was the master builder: he was the leader.

In the practice of the law, he was one of the recognized leaders of the bar.

In finance, he was Vice-President and Solicitor of The Dollar Savings Bank of Pittsburgh.

In the Church, he was Vestryman of Calvary Church and Chancellor of the Diocese.

In Political life, he was Mayor of Pittsburgh, an office which had been held by his father and by his grandfather, and he was chosen by the President of the United States to represent him as Ambassador to Japan.

In social service, he was President of the Board of Trustees of the St. Margaret Memorial Hospital, Pittsburgh.

In social life, at every gathering he was the centre.

In fraternal life, he attained the summit of the ambition of every Pennsylvania Mason, and became Grand Master.

He was a devoted Mason, and especially as Master of his Lodge, and as Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, both by practice and precept he urged and encouraged the Craft in the observance of their duties as Masons and as citizens.

A record of his noteworthy deeds and words would be inspiring, illuminating, and stimulating. Merely to mention them, and to describe satisfactorily his intellectual gifts and graces and his sterling virtues, would fill a volume.

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He showed that a man may be in politics and not be corrupt; that he may be a hard fighter and yet be a lover of peace and a gentle man, and that, although the settlement of the details of administration of the various offices which he held from time to time might be made "with a mailed hand," it was always "in a velvet glove."

He was always happy when helping others; and whether it was as President of a hospital, as Mayor of a city, or as Ambassador of the President of the United States to a foreign land, he devoted himself body and soul to doing the greatest good to the greatest number.

His friendship was unswerving, once given, and it was lost only when the recipient proved himself to be unworthy.

He was imbued with a deep sense of his obligation and responsibility to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and he daily endeavored to do his whole duty to his God, to his country, and to his brother man.

One of the last acts of his life was to write home that he had hoped to visit America during the coming summer, but circumstances seemed to make it his duty to remain at his post, and that "a neglected duty is too high a price to pay for a pleasure, however great."

His guiding star was duty, and his diligence and fearlessness in its performance, his unquestioned integrity, and the purity and blamelessness of his life should light the way for us to follow in his footsteps.

When he died suddenly in Tokio, on the 8th day of March, 1917, there passed from this life one of those men so needed by his country, especially at the present time; men of

"Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands,

Men whom lust of office does not kill;

Men whom spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will;

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Men who have honor;

Men who do not lie;

Men who can stand before a demagogue

And dam his treacherous flatteries without winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog,

In public duty and in private thinking."

Always having the courage of his convictions, he never hesitated, when it was his duty to do so, to condemn the wrongdoer in either public or private life; and he was never happier than when, for the protection of virtue or the punishment of vice, with his back to the wall, he was single-handed fighting a crowd; and those whom he fought recognized and admired his integrity, his ability, and his fearlessness.

This is the man whose ability to grasp international problems and whose tact in handling delicate situations causes his loss to be mourned to-day, both by the Empire of Japan and by the United States of America.

His mortal remains, carefully guarded and reverently attended by the soldiers and sailors and officials of two great nations, were brought 9,000 miles to the place of his birth; and there, on the 31st day of May, 1917, he was laid to rest by the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge in a grave to which he was followed by thousands of his Masonic Brethren and a vast outpouring of the people, who made manifest their respect and admiration for their chief citizen and great fellow countryman.

This is the man as the world knew him.

But those who were admitted to the Inner Shrine of his social and fraternal confidence, who knew the loveliness of his character as well as the strength and purity of his life, and the sweetness of his disposition, who loved him and whom he loved, also say that since he has left us, life without him is less worth living.

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GEORGE WILKINS GUTHRIE

Received the Blue Lodge degrees at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in Franklin Lodge No. 221, F. & A. M.

Entered Apprentice September 18, 1873

Fellow Craft November 6, 1873

Master Mason December 18, 1873

Served Franklin Lodge No. 221, F. & A. M. Pennsylvania, as

Junior Warden 1878

Senior Warden 1879

Worshipful Master 1880

Served Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as

R. W. Junior Grand Warden 1905

R. W. Senior Grand Warden 1906 and 1907

R. W. Deputy Grand Master 1908 and 1909

R. W. Grand Master 1910 and 1911

He also received Degrees as follows:

IN SHILOH CHAPTER No. 257:

Mark Master June 22, 1877

Most Excellent Master June 22, 1877

Royal Arch June 22, 1877

IN MT. MORIAH COUNCIL No. 2:

Royal Master December 8, 1909

Select Master December 8, 1909

Super Excellent Master December 8, 1909

IN TANCRED COMMANDERY No. 48:

Red Cross January 27, 1905

Temple January 27, 1905

Malta March 20, 1906

Received the Ineffable Grades September 17, 1874, in Gourgas Lodge of Perfection.

Received the Ancient Traditional Grades October 15, 1874, in Pennsylvania Council, Princes of Jerusalem.

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Received the Philosophical and Doctrinal Grades November 19, 1874, in Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose-Croix, H. R. D. M.

Received the Modern Historical and Chivalric Grades December 17, 1874, in Pennsylvania Consistory S. P. R. S. 32°.

Most Wise Master of Pittsburgh Chapter of Rose-Croix from May 16, 1889, to May 20, 1897.

Thrice Potent Master Gourgass Lodge of Perfection, February 16, 1876, to February 19, 1879.

SUPREME COUNCIL THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE:

Created Sovereign Grand Inspector General, at Boston, Massachusetts, on September 15, 1885.

Crowned an Active Member on September 17, 1895.

Brother CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD, Grand Chaplain, said:

“I venture to interrupt at this time as there are no doubt others who will be called on to say something of Brother GUTHRIE. No one who knew Mr. GUTHRIE intimately would fail to see in him an example of that which in my experience I do not think I ever saw before so beautifully exemplified, namely probity. He had probity in his thought, probity in his method of life, probity in speech, probity in character, and, as I stood at his grave, I thought that never in my experience had there been a man laid to rest so well thought of. He was seemingly without fault; now we know he was human, so he must have been less than perfection, but I think Brother BURGWIN will agree that nevertheless there was something about him that was never known in any other man of my experience, a man concerning whom nothing derogatory could be said, and an exalted example of probity. I want to give this testimony and will no doubt give it again. He was a wonderful man and stood before the community of Pittsburgh

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in an exalted light. No one could dare to say anything against him; even those who fought him honored him, for he was a noble man, of high ideals and indomitable courage. One strange thing I have heard spoken of is that the United States did not seem to honor him as the Emperor of Japan did. The Emperor of Japan used one of their powerful battle-ships to bring his body to the United States, accompanied by officers of the highest rank. Of course the United States Government sent a representative, but not one of the highest character and position as that representing the Empire of Japan. Brother GUTHRIE was held dear in the hearts of the whole community as well as of the Brethren and he was more enshrined there than any other citizen that I have ever known in the great city of Pittsburgh. For those of you who were not there it would be well for you to know that two or three thousand of the Brethren of Allegheny County stood in silence while the cortege passed between them, and along the way the funeral passed both sides of the streets were thronged with people. Long may his example remain with us to stimulate us all in our Masonic life in all respects in everything best for mankind, for the world, and for God."

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY said:

"I desire to join in this memorial service and I hope that there will be added to the resolution offered that it shall be spread upon the minutes and a proper copy sent with the condolences of this Grand Lodge to his widow.

"I knew this man well and this dear dead Brother of ours was selected as the Representative of this Government to one of our most important neighbors. At that time the Empire of Japan and this country were nearly at war, but this diplomat was so kind and frank that within a few months after residing in Tokio he had so endeared himself with the

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Powers that they accepted this Representative as a truthful, kind, honest man, and then the relations between the Empire of Japan and the United States began to heal, and are to-day on a firmer basis of permanency than ever before. A strange, almost pathetic, incident occurred the day before he died. He officiated at a flag raising—an American flag was being raised in front of the American residence. I quote the following as part of his address on that occasion.

“ ‘ God grant that America’s love of truth, justice, liberty and humanity may still be with us to inspire and guide us, that this flag and all that it stands for, justice and freedom of the seas, may be undestroyed and that we too, if the day ever comes, may be willing to sacrifice all and to die, if need be, so that the flag may never be impaired.’ ”

“ The next day his sudden death was heralded about the world. When he was returned to this country for burial, an unusual incident occurred, the first in history, for Japan sent one of their greatest battleships with the cortege and officers high in state and national affairs, to accompany the body to American shores and place it in custody of the American Government. In Pittsburgh he was received by three classes, his Masonic Brethren, his civic associates and friends, and the community at large. Never before have I seen such an immense and sincere honor tendered to a plain man, whom we knew as Grand Master. He was also a civic representative and in his religious life he stood in the highest rank. No man was in doubt as to how he stood. No man challenged his sincerity. May he rest in peace and may we emulate the high example he has left us.”

Brother JOHN WANAMAKER said:

“ It is hard to sit here without saying a word about this Brother Mason. There are lots of us that are Christians and patriots and citizens and when one has learned to be a Mason

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it is expected that some effect is to be shown upon the life of the man who becomes a Past Master, even in a Lodge in the country where I come from.

“ Brother GUTHRIE was a wonderful personality, there was about him no pretension, he gave character to everything he touched. You felt that he was a man of power and stood for something. He influenced you and wanted you to stand up straighter, say your words clearer, and wanted you to amount to something. In representing America in Japan, he represented the people, he represented the Masonic life, which is the best life. He represented the very best of American life and American ideals. Some people believe that it may be a part of the Providence of God in sending such a man to live among those strange people and let them see what kind of men come from Pennsylvania. Some of us believe that if there is ever a new America on the other side of the Atlantic, it will begin with that strange race of people, who are now, more than any other nation, taking up the commercial interests that were lost by the nations at war and largely supplying their places. I would not be surprised that there are many people in Japan that would say, if we can have American life such as Ambassador GUTHRIE speaks of, we are ready for it, and put the American flag alongside of the Japanese flag. That is what a man can do, as Masons are charged to be a little bit better than other men who have not had the courage or spirit.”

Brother JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF, Grand Chaplain, said:

“ Grand Master, I know the hour is late and there are many Brethren who desire to depart, but I promise to detain you a very short time, as I would prove myself an ingrate if I did not make mention of a fact in my life, with Brother GUTHRIE from another point of view.

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“ Three years ago I was privileged to make a world tour. When I came to Japan I did not think that I knew a soul in all that land. It escaped my memory that Brother GUTHRIE was Ambassador to Japan at Tokio. Upon reaching the Harbor of Yokahoma, a messenger came to me with a letter. I was very much surprised to receive such a large official document, and when I opened it I found therein a greeting by Brother GUTHRIE. He had read in the papers that we would arrive on that date and he knew when the steamer was due in Yokahoma. He sent the letter extending a greeting and inviting also my wife and daughter to his home and enclosing three passes that are regarded most valuable in all Japan, and which granted admission to the Palaces at Tokio and to other palaces where strangers are not admitted. He had obtained these passes in advance for us, not because of my name or my position, as I had never met him in any other place than in this hall, but because I was a Brother Mason of his. You do not know what it means to receive such a letter and greeting in a strange world where no soul knows you. I was then made to feel what it is to be known as a Mason and what honor it is to be so greeted by a Brother Mason. I knew that if anything would happen to me, my wife and daughter would have a friend, which Masonry would require of him. I have been informed that no man has been honored by the Government of Japan as Brother GUTHRIE. He told me that he expected to see Masonry in Japan. Up to that time the Government would not permit any secret fraternities, but he told me that he was beginning to make an impression, by letting them know what a Mason is, what his ideals are, and he was fast succeeding in getting the Government's permission to open a Lodge for Americans and English who happened to be in Japan. I would have been an ingrate, even at the risk of detaining you, if I had not paid this tribute, in Grand Lodge, which our departed Brother so richly deserves.”

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Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS said:

“During the two years Brother GUTHRIE was Grand Master, my official relations brought me in close contact with him, and I grew to know him and love him as an older brother. There was a time when he was thought to be distant in manner, but this was not so, it was merely modesty of a great man, and to me he was in every sense of the word a true Grand Master.”

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS then offered the following resolutions, which were, on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge desires to place upon record its deep appreciation of the life, the character, and the services of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. GUTHRIE for his country, for humanity and for the Masonic Fraternity, and our deep sorrow at his untimely departure.

Resolved, That the memorial just delivered by Brother GEORGE C. BURGWIN be printed in pamphlet form and copies thereof be distributed among the Craft; and that a suitably engrossed copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the widow of Brother GEORGE W. GUTHRIE.

The following letters and telegram of sympathy relative to the death of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. GUTHRIE were received:

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TOKYO, March 14, 1917.

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE,
F. & A. M., PENNSYLVANIA.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a communication from Brother REIFSNIDER, Worshipful Master of Tokyo Lodge (2015 E.C.), a copy of which, with its enclosure, I transmit herewith.

I beg that the message of Right Worshipful Brother WHYMARK be conveyed in an appropriate manner to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

I am, Sir,

Most faithfully and fraternally yours,

POST WHEELER 33°

Charge d'Affaires.

TOKYO, March 10th, 1917.

MR. POST WHEELER,

Charge d'affaires,

American Embassy, Tokyo.

My dear Mr. Post Wheeler:

I am in receipt of a telegram from the District Grand Master of Japan, the Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE WHYMARK, expressing sincerest sympathy and condolences with Mrs. Guthrie, and the sorrow felt by the district over the sad death of Ambassador GUTHRIE, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, with his deepest sympathy with that Grand Lodge in their great bereavement.

As Worshipful Master of Tokyo Lodge I should like to take this opportunity of offering to Mrs. Guthrie my personal heartfelt sympathy, and that of the Lodge, in the great loss she has sustained.

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Will you be good enough to convey the above remarks of sympathy to Mrs. Guthrie and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

I am,
Most faithfully and fraternally,
(Signed) JOHN REIFSNIDER,
Wor. Master Tokyo Lodge.

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Received Time 10.15 p.m. Date 9/3/1917

Original Office Sannomiya

REIFSNIDER 6 TSUKIJI TOKYO

Please convey in such a delicate manner as you may think best to Mrs. Guthrie and all concerned the great grief of myself and the district on hearing of the sad death of His Excellency the Honourable GEORGE GUTHRIE Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania with my sincerest sympathies and condolences with them in their great sorrow

WHYMARK,
District Grand Master.

PORTO RICO.

The following resolution offered by the Committee on Correspondence at the Quarterly Communication, held September 6, 1916, and referred to the Committee on Landmarks, was called up for consideration:

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hereby extends fraternal recognition to the

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Sovereign Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, with best wishes for its continued growth and prosperity.

The Grand Master having put the question, the resolution was not adopted.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock, 55 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, September 5, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917.

PRESENT :

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden. .</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden. .</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .	
“ JAMES E. LORD . . .	
“ CALVIN O. ALTHOUSE . .	
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ DUDLEY T. LIMERICK . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ THADDEUS G. HELM . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. SNYDER . . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JENKIN HILL . . .	
“ JOSEPH F. ANDREWS . . .	
“ MILTON P. SCHANTZ . . .	
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
“ HOMER E. SPENCER . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ HENRY H. BAISH . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . .	

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Bro. WILLIAM M. HAMILTON .	}	
" RALPH M. ALLISON . .	}	
" JOHN M. CORE	}	
" HOWARD C. FRONTZ . .	}	
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH .	}	
" WILLIAM H. MAXWELL .	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
" JOHN G. BROAD	}	
" FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES	}	
" WILLIAM D. MCILROY .	}	
" JOHN A. CAUGHEY . .	}	
" BENJAMIN PAGE	}	
" SION B. SMITH	}	
" WILLIAM B. CHALFANT .	}	
" FRANK B. LYNCH	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" THOMAS M. JACKSON .	}	
" RICHARD MONTGOMERY .	}	
" BENJAMIN PAGE		<i>As Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . .		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" WILLIAM H. WREN . .		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR .		<i>As Grand Steward.</i>
" GEORGE M. MCCANDLESS		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" JOHN B. PATTERSON . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" FRANK G. HARTMAN . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . .		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

145 Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock,
P.M.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication,
held June 6, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917, were read and
approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed
Amendments to By-Laws were received and re-
ferred to the Committee on By-Laws.

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An appeal was received from Brother G. K. D., a Master Mason, last a member of Lodge No. —, who was restored to good Masonic standing in said Lodge No. —, on February 1, 1917, appealing from the action of said Lodge in suspending him for non-payment of dues on December 7, 1916, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

The Grand Secretary herewith presents his annual report of the membership and the number of Lodges in this Masonic Jurisdiction, for the year ending December 27, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916:

Number of Lodges December 27, 1915	497	
Lodges constituted during the year		
1916	5	
Number of Lodges December 27, 1916	502	
Membership of Lodges December 27,		
1915		120,546
Admitted during the year 1916 .	1,011	
Initiated during the year 1916 .	8,506	
		9,517

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Suspended and expelled during the year 1916	694	
Resigned during the year 1916	887	
Deceased during the year 1916	1,834	
	<hr/>	3,415
Net increase during the year 1916		6,102
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Membership December 27, 1916		126,648

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. PERRY,
Grand Secretary.

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COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, when, on motion, it was.

Resolved, That the opinion of the Committee on Appeals in the case of Brother G. K. D. be sustained and adopted as the decision of the Grand Lodge in this matter.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother Louis A. Watres:

Your Committee on Appeals have, as suggested by you, heard the testimony and considered the arguments of the appellant, and of the representatives of ——— Lodge No. ———, in the matter of the appeal of Brother G. K. D. from the action of that Lodge on December 7, 1916, in suspending him from membership for non-payment of dues. It is conceded by appellant that at the time the vote of the Lodge was taken he was in arrears for at least a portion of two years' dues; and although appellant testified that he did not receive the summons prescribed by Ahiman Rezon, the Secretary of the Lodge testified that he mailed it to the proper address, in due form, in ample time; and the appellant admits he had

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been otherwise notified by the Secretary that he was in default. While the appellant explained the cause of the delay in the payment of his dues, and it may be that a Lodge is not usually so technical under the circumstances testified to by him, we find nothing in the record or in the testimony, which justifies us in saying that the Lodge exceeded its rights in suspending Brother G. K. D., and we are of opinion that your decision sustaining the action of the Lodge, as contained in your letter to appellant under date February 15, 1917, is in accordance with the facts as we find them.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

GEORGE C. BURGWIN,
MURDOCH KENDRICK,
HENRY J. SCOTT,
WILLIAM H. SHOEMAKER.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it, and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 255, 292 and 540 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 434 be returned to said Lodge with directions to amend Article VIII, Section 2, and also to provide for a Permanent Fund.

Resolved, That of the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 688, Section 3 of Article VII be not approved and that Section 1

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of Article VII be amended by striking out the words "except Grand Lodge dues," and that, as so amended, they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 236, 295 and 320 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to Article VI, Section 2, of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 417 be not approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
CHARLES S. WOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

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COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Temple respectfully reports:

That a careful inspection of the Temple was made with a view of ascertaining the repairs and improvements most needed to keep the Temple and its decorations in a fit and proper condition. Gothic Hall and Gothic Banquet Hall were found to be in a most dingy condition. The plaster and paint had been chipped and damaged throughout the building. The lighting system in Gothic Hall and Gothic Banquet Hall were most unsatisfactory.

The Committee therefore have sought to remedy the conditions and have proceeded with the work as far as the funds available would permit. The Temple has been given

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the most thorough housecleaning it has had in years, and in addition, the following work has been performed:

Basement, kitchen, pantries, etc., walls and woodwork all painted in waterproof paint and made sanitary. First floor—Front Vestibule, front doors, ceiling and walls, painted in plain colors; all corridors retouched where needed. Assembly Room and ante rooms all white woodwork painted. Grand Staircase, paintings and walls all cleaned and touched up. Grand Secretary's Office, repainted in plain colors, Grand Banquet Hall, white woodwork and all bases of columns repainted; pilasters and paintings touched up. Library and Museum; walls and decorations cleaned and panels repainted. All office rooms in South Corridor have been remodeled and redecorated. This change will bring in an additional annual rental for Grand Lodge of \$750.00. Corinthian, Renaissance, Ionic, Egyptian, Norman and Oriental Halls cleaned and touched up where necessary. Entrance Rotunda to Corinthian Hall, and walls and staircases leading to Northwest and Southwest Towers, all repainted. Gothic Hall, ante rooms, and Gothic Banquet Hall, all repainted and decorated. These latter rooms have also had a new lighting system installed in them which will not only beautify them but make a saving in amount of current consumed.

The Committee also desires to place on record their special appreciation of the splendid work done by the employees of the Temple during the past year, particularly for their share in the work of improving the condition of the Temple during the past summer.

JOSEPH E. QUINBY, *Chairman*,
CHARLES F. BOWER,
J. LEE PATTON,
JOHN D. CASSELL,
JOHN W. EMSLEY,

Committee on Temple.

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Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS, Chairman of the Employment Bureau, made the following report:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

The Employment Bureau submits the following condensed report of its activities to date:

We have received at the present time one thousand and eighty-six (1086) applications. Of these we have placed in employment six hundred (600). Among the number placed in positions are fifty (50) widows and one hundred and twelve (112) orphan girls, with collective earnings of those placed amounting to a little over six hundred thousand (\$600,000) dollars per year. Five are earning salaries of five thousand (\$5000) dollars each. Five men have been taken out of the Homes at Elizabethtown and given employment, although one had to be returned because of intemperate habits.

You will notice from this that there are six hundred (600) people placed, the collective earnings being six hundred thousand (\$600,000) dollars, therefore the average is one thousand (\$1000) dollars each.

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A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Philadelphia, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The following letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England was read:

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

2nd July, 1917.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th June, enclosing the preamble and resolution unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and its Masonic Jurisdiction.

I am instructed by the Grand Master, to whom the communication has been forwarded, to thank you for your greetings and to assure you that he very much appreciates the expressions of loyal and fraternal sentiment set out in the resolution.

I am

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH,

G. S.

M. W. Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

BRETHREN:

There are twenty nations of the world at war. Nineteen of them are facing want and woe. The twentieth, our own United States of America, stands singly and alone, prosperous beyond her fondest dream. Even the dark cloud which is hanging over us seems to be made up mostly of a lining of silver and gold.

Although the great heart of the nation has been touched by the suffering beyond the seas, and to a slight extent the woeful condition of little Belgium and afflicted Poland has

been ameliorated, but little, comparatively speaking, has been done by the United States, notwithstanding the apparently large sums that have been forwarded through the numerous avenues of relief. The report of the Comptroller of Currency shows that, during 1915 and 1916, our contributions to the war sufferers amounted to but one-twentieth of one per cent. of our earnings.

The mighty conflict in which the United States and her Allies are righteously engaged is being waged to insure those great fundamentals of Freemasonry—justice, liberty and equality.

Freemasonry is a constructive world force, and, as of yore, its stand, in support of our Country, should be majestic, rock-ribbed and adamant, and Masons are called upon to act well their part in the present crisis.

The enlistment rolls and subscription lists, both of Red Cross work and for the Liberty Loan, attest the earnestness with which Masons and Masonic bodies are responding to the Government's call.

It is, however, un-Christian and therefore un-Masonic that there should be dire want in nineteen of the warring countries and wanton waste in our own land. That such a condition exists is known to all men. That it is wrong and out of tune with the divine teaching of true brotherliness must be admitted by all. Steps toward solving the problem point to a rigid economy, both with the individual and in all groups of society. The saving thus effected should be given for speedy and needed relief.

A conspicuous and prolific source of waste is the Masonic banquet. The expenditures on this account reach figures that are stupendous, and that may well arrest the attention of our Fraternity. During the year 1916 our five hundred and two Lodges spent approximately a quarter of a million dollars for this one item.

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The social side of Freemasonry has the sanction of centuries and should not be minimized or overlooked. Sociability has developed the banquet board, and long years of peace and prosperity have made it luxurious and costly.

It is now for us as thoughtful men and Masons to consider the incongruity of feasting sumptuously and forgetting those starving, suffering peoples of the world who, by all the ties of a common brotherhood, are entitled to our prompt assistance.

The real Mason, whose heart has been broadened by benevolence, should not scruple at self-denial in obedience to the supreme law of unselfish devotion to his Brother's needs.

The present is an opportune time to moderate all excesses and to put into practice the doctrine of genuine helpfulness for mankind—a time to translate into our daily lives the tenets of our universal institution.

With an abiding confidence in their discretion, their wisdom and their Brotherly consideration, the Grand Master submits the question of banquets to the conscience and fraternal judgment of the members of the Craft.

In our Jurisdiction there are over one hundred and thirty thousand affiliated Masons. A minimum of two dollars per capita would produce in round numbers a quarter of a million dollars.

A quarter of a million dollars set aside as a war relief fund of our Grand Lodge would enable the Masons of Pennsylvania to be active and direct participants in relieving the members of this Jurisdiction in active service, their wives, widows and orphans, or such others as may be in need.

In full knowledge of the generous impulses that move the members of our Fraternity, and of their strong desire to lend a Masonic hand to those who may be in distress, the Grand Master suggests that it would be most fitting for Grand Lodge in such an appropriate manner as it may seem wise to formulate a plan which shall have for its object the establishment of a fund as outlined.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were on motion unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, After a period of time, in which he exercised superhuman patience, our National Executive, The President of the United States, by direction of Congress, did declare a state of war existing between this country and the Prussian-dominated German Empire:

AND, WHEREAS, The principles of our Fraternity require and admonish us to be law-abiding citizens of the country in which we reside:

AND, WHEREAS, While we deplore the need for war with its attendant horrors, yet, as our country is at war—not for aggression, but for the preservation of the lives and property of our countrymen; in defence of the rights of suffering humanity and the advancement of human civilization, as well as for the establishment of a permanent peace founded upon freedom, justice and equality;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, in Grand Lodge assembled, for and on behalf of ourselves and our one hundred and thirty thousand Brethren, Freemasons in Pennsylvania, do hereby solemnly pledge to the Government of the United States of America, our unwavering loyalty and support, with our lives, if need be, our every energy, and our worldly goods, to the end that justice and right may prevail, and peace, permanent peace, may be established:

And Be It Further Resolved, That we earnestly request each and every member of this Jurisdiction to make a voluntary contribution of *not less than* two (\$2) dollars to establish a Fund to be known as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania War Relief Fund, to be under the control of a Committee consisting of the elective Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, for the relief of the members of this Juris-

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diction in active service, their wives, widows and orphans, and such others as may be in need, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said Committee:

And Be It Further Resolved, That all such contributions be paid to the Subordinate Lodges and transmitted monthly to the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary:

And Be It Further Resolved, That copies of these preamble and resolutions be transmitted by the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary to each Subordinate Lodge, with directions to have the same enclosed in the next monthly notice to the members.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock, 15 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 5, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917.

PRESENT:

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .	
“ JAMES E. LORD . . .	
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM . . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ CALVIN O. ALTHOUSE . .	
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . . .	
“ DUDLEY T. LIMERICK . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ JOHN E. McCULLY . . .	
“ THADDEUS G. HELM . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. SNYDER . . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JENKIN HILL . . .	
“ EDGAR S. NASH . . .	
“ MILTON P. SCHANTZ . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. PUGH . . .	
“ HAROLD N. RUST . . .	

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Bro. THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. HULSIZER . . .	
“ HOMER E. SPENCER . . .	
“ JOHN W. CODDING . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ HENRY H. BAISH . . .	
“ W. HARRISON WALKER . . .	
“ LYMAN M. FINNEY . . .	
“ WILLIAM J. GEALY . . .	
“ DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	
“ ADRIAN W. MCCOY . . .	
“ JOHN S. WALLACE . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . . .	
“ RALPH M. ALLISON . . .	
“ R. KAY PORTSER . . .	
“ JOHN M. CORE . . .	
“ CLARENCE A. FERGUSON . . .	} <i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ J. HARRIS MUSSINA . . .	
“ HOWARD C. FRONTZ . . .	
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH . . .	
“ JAMES K. SCOTT . . .	
“ WILLIAM A. JORDAN . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. DAUGHERTY . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL . . .	
“ JOHN G. BROAD . . .	
“ GEORGE HAY KAIN . . .	
“ WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR . . .	
“ ERNEST L. WENTWORTH . . .	
“ FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES . . .	
“ WILLIAM D. MCILROY . . .	
“ JOHN A. CAUGHEY . . .	
“ BENJAMIN PAGE . . .	
“ SION B. SMITH . . .	
“ CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD . . .	
“ J. GRAY BOLTON . . .	} <i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ GRAFTON T. REYNOLDS . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT . . .	

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Bro. FRANK B. LYNCH . . .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" THOMAS M. JACKSON . . .		
" ROBERT HUNTER . . .		
" JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF . . .		
" A. LAWRENCE MILLER . . .	}	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" THOMAS H. FENTON . . .		
" JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . . .		
" WILLIAM H. WREN . . .		
" HORACE E. CAMPBELL . . .	}	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" GEORGE M. McCANDLESS . . .		
" JOHN B. PATTERSON . . .		
" FRANK G. HARTMAN . . .		
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . . .	}	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" THOMAS H. FENTON . . .		
" JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . . .		
" WILLIAM H. WREN . . .		
" HORACE E. CAMPBELL . . .	}	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
" GEORGE M. McCANDLESS . . .		
" JOHN B. PATTERSON . . .		
" FRANK G. HARTMAN . . .		
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . . .	}	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" THOMAS H. FENTON . . .		
" JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . . .		
" WILLIAM H. WREN . . .		
" HORACE E. CAMPBELL . . .	}	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" GEORGE M. McCANDLESS . . .		
" JOHN B. PATTERSON . . .		
" FRANK G. HARTMAN . . .		
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . . .	}	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" THOMAS H. FENTON . . .		
" JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . . .		
" WILLIAM H. WREN . . .		
" HORACE E. CAMPBELL . . .	}	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" GEORGE M. McCANDLESS . . .		
" JOHN B. PATTERSON . . .		
" FRANK G. HARTMAN . . .		
" WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . . .	}	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" THOMAS H. FENTON . . .		
" JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . . .		
" WILLIAM H. WREN . . .		

456 Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, 5 minutes, A.M.

The proposed Amendment to Article X, Section 5, of the Ahiman Rezon, relative to mileage, which was offered December 27, 1915, and postponed for action at this Communication, was called up for consideration, when, on motion of Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG, Grand Treasurer, it was amended by striking out the words and characters "eight cents (8c.)" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and characters "six cents (6c.)."

A request was then made, in accordance with Article IX, Section 17, of the Ahiman Rezon, to vote by Lodges upon the proposed Amendment as amended.

The proposed Amendments to Article VI, page 9, and Article XIII, page 43, Ahiman Rezon, which were offered December 27, 1916, were called up for consideration and, upon separate motions, were adopted.

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This being the time prescribed by the Ahiman Rezon for the annual election of Grand Officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes, to serve during the ensuing Masonic year beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Grand Master appointed tellers, who reported the following Brethren duly elected:

R. W. Grand Master.

Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE.

(Brother LOUIS A. WATRES having declined a re-election.)

R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Brother JOHN S. SELL.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Brother SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR.

R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG.

R. W. Grand Secretary.

Brother JOHN A. PERRY.

Committee on Masonic Homes.

Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY,

R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS,

R. W. Past Grand Master.

“ EDWARD W. PATTON,

“ GEORGE W. McCANDLESS,

“ WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,

“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY,

“ HENRY C. SCHOCK.

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The Grand Master also announced that the proposed Amendment to Article X, Section 5, of the Ahiman Rezon, had been adopted.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held September 5, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from J. L. K. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from R. B. S. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request of said Lodge be granted.

GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, when, on separate motions, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

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*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully report for the fiscal year ending November 15, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917:

Balance on hand November 15, 1916	.	.	\$2,506.72
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INCOME ACCOUNT.

DEBITS.

Received from R. W. Grand Lodge	.	.	.	\$3,500.00
Received from Interest on Investments in General Fund	.	.	.	5,645.18
Received from Interest on Investments in Singleton Fund	.	.	.	1,270.41
Received from Interest on Deposits in Fidelity Trust Co.	.	.	.	62.65
Received from Notary Fee—acknowledgments on Deeds	.	.	.	3.25
				<u>\$12,988.21</u>

CREDITS.

Paid Fidelity Trust Co., for rent of box	.	.	\$18.36
Paid Almoners Class 1	.	.	2,400.00
Paid Almoners Class 2	.	.	2,100.00
Paid Almoners Class 3	.	.	2,100.00
Paid Almoners Class 4	.	.	2,400.00
Paid Land Title & Trust Co. commission for collection of ground rent on 1011-13 Watkins St.			1.26
Paid Land Title Co. for sale of 2 ground rents of \$700 each on 1011-13 Watkins St. (\$1,400)	.	.	14.00
Paid Land Title Co. commission for collection of ground rents on above premises	.	.	.96
Paid Mae Hoffman—notary fee	.	.	3.25

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Paid Fidelity Trust Co. for returned coupon—	
American Pipe Mfg. Co.	\$25.00
Paid accrued interest on \$14,000 City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. 1922 bonds	106.56
By amount transferred to principal (General Fund)	\$2,953.06
By amount transferred to principal (Singleton Fund)	300.62
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	3,253.68
Balance on hand November 15, 1917, in General Fund	565.14
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	<u>\$12,988.21</u>

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

DEBITS.

Received from sale of \$5,000 Philadelphia Electric Bonds (General Fund)	\$5,250.00
Received from sale of \$300 Philadelphia Electric Bonds (Singleton Fund)	315.00
Received from \$5,000 American Rys. Co. Bonds (General Fund)	5,000.00
Received from sale of ground rents (Singleton Fund)	1,400.00
Amount transferred to principal	3,253.68
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	<u>\$15,218.68</u>

CREDITS.

Paid in purchase of \$13,000 City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. bonds (General Fund)	\$13,203.06
Paid in purchase of \$1,000 City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. bonds (Singleton Fund)	1,015.62
Paid in purchase of Second U. S. Liberty 4 per cent. bonds (Singleton Fund)	1,000.00
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	<u>\$15,218.68</u>

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All securities are deposited in fireproof vaults of the Fidelity Trust Company of Philadelphia, and are as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

Par.	Name of Security.	Cost.
\$42,800.00	Masonic Home Loan of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsyl- vania	\$42,800.00
11,000.00	Aurora, Elgin & Chicago, 1st Ref. Mtge. 5 per cent. bonds	10,472.88
5,000.00	Darby, Media & Chester Railway Co.	4,963.75
4,000.00	Lehigh Valley Coal Co., 1st Mtge.	4,313.75
2,000.00	Union Traction Co., of Indiana .	1,997.50
10,000.00	Altoona & Logan R. R. Electric Ry., 1st 4's	9,471.25
2,000.00	Philadelphia & Suburban Gas & Electric Co. 5's	1,865.83
2,000.00	Roanoke Traction & Light Co. .	1,885.83
2,000.00	Minneapolis Gas Light Co. .	2,048.10
1,000.00	American Pipe Mfg. Co. . . .	955.33
12,000.00	Gas Light Co., Augusta . . .	10,943.33
5,000.00	Suburban Gas Light Co. of Phila- delphia	4,822.92
5,000.00	Phila. Co. Consol. Mtge. 5's .	4,925.00
2,000.00	Penna. R. R. General 4½ per cent. Gold Bonds	1,983.30
2,000.00	United Railways Inv. Co. . . .	1,651.39
6,000.00	City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Bonds	6,067.50
13,000.00	City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Bonds	13,203.06
<hr/> \$126,800.00		<hr/> \$124,370.72
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THOMAS SINGLETON BEQUEST.

Par.	Name of Security.	Cost.
\$13,000.00	Masonic Home Loan of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsyl- vania	\$13,000.00
3,000.00	Lehigh Valley Coal Co. 1st Mtge.	3,251.25
3,000.00	Union Traction Co., of Indiana .	2,997.50
500.00	North Springfield Water Co. .	517.36
500.00	United Railways Gold Trust .	443.75
600.00	Electric & Peoples Traction .	604.50
5,000.00	Philadelphia Co. Consol. Mtge. 5 per cent.	5,220.00
600.00	Ground rent in Philadelphia .	600.00
1,000.00	City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Bonds	1,015.62
1,000.00	2d U. S. Liberty 4 per cent. bonds	1,000.00
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\$28,200.00		\$28,649.98
126,800.00	Add Securities in General Fund	124,370.72
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\$155,000.00	Total	\$153,020.70
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The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty-five Hundred Dollars be and the same is appropriated to the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, out of the income of the said Fund, for the year ending December 27, 1918, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

The Trustees also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund hold in said fund \$1,000 of American Pipe Manufacturing Company 5 per cent. Collateral Trust Certificates, Series A,

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and the American Pipe Manufacturing Company is now in the hands of a Receiver and has made default in payment of coupon due October 1, 1917,

Resolved, That full power, authority and discretion be granted to the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund to take such action as in their judgment shall be necessary and proper for the protection and enforcement of the interests of the said fund, including the right to enter into any agreement for the deposit of the said certificates with any committee acting for the protection of the interests of the holders of the said certificates.

Fraternally submitted,

J. WHITAKER THOMPSON,
THOMAS W. AYERS,
EUGENE ZIEGLER,
J. WARNER HUTCHINS,

Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1917.

GIRARD BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received during the fiscal year ending November 15, 1917:

From Dividends and Interest on	
Investments	\$3,818.80
From Interest on Deposit, etc.,	
Penna. Trust Co.	28.78
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	\$3,847.58

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To which add balance November 15, 1916, as per report of Committee on Finance	\$608.03
Making a total of	<u>\$4,455.61</u>
They have paid out in the same period:	
Orders for the use of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund	\$3,500.00
For rent of safe in Fidelity Trust Co. for two years	15.00
	<u>3,515.00</u>
Leaving balance, November 15, 1917, of	<u><u>\$940.61</u></u>

The Investments of the Trustees amount to \$89,300.00 par value, as per schedule annexed.

The accounts and securities of the Trust have been examined by the Committee on Finance and found correct.

The annual income of the Fund, exclusive of interest on deposits, is about \$3,800.00.

The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-five Hundred Dollars be, and the same is, appropriated to the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, for the year ending December, 1918, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE GIRARD BEQUEST FOR THE YEAR ENDING
NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand November 16, 1916	\$89,300.00	\$608.03
RECEIPTS.		
Received Income on Investments		3,818.80
Received Interest on Deposit, etc.		28.78
	<u>\$89,300.00</u>	<u>\$4,455.61</u>

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EXPENDITURES.

Paid rent of safe for two years .		\$15.00
Paid Grand Treasurer . . .		3,500.00
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Balance November 15, 1917 .	\$89,300.00	\$940.61
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SECURITIES HELD BY TRUSTEES OF GIRARD BEQUEST DEPOSITED WITH FIDELITY TRUST CO.

	Description.	Rate. Per Cent.	Maturity.	Par.	Cost.
\$67,000	Masonic Loan	. 4	1931	\$67,000	\$67,000.00
8,000	Electric & Peoples Tr. Co. St. Certfs. . .	. 4	1945	8,000	7,663.25
5,000	Baldwin Loco. Wks. 1st Mtge. Bonds . . .	. 5	1940	5,000	5,040.00
2,000	Lehigh & N. Eng. R.R. Equip. Tr.	4.5	1923	2,000	1,870.20
1,000	Phila. & Reading Ter. Bonds. .	. 5	1941	1,000	1,027.50
1,000	York Rwy. Co. 1st Mtge. Bonds	5	1937	1,000	947.50
500	Wilkes - Barre & Wyoming Val- ley Trac. Co. 1st Mtge Bonds	5	1921	500	500.00
1,200	Mortgage on No. 5463 Spring St., tax receipt 1917 exhibited	5.4	1912	1,200	1,200.00
2,150	43 Shs. Lehigh Coal & Nav. St.			2,150	2,051.19

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Description	Rate Per Cent.	Maturity.	Par.	Cost.
\$500 10 Shs. Continen- tal Pass. Rwy. St.			\$500	\$1,030.00
950 19 Shs. Penna. R. R. Stock			950	1,038.69
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\$89,300			\$89,300	\$89,368.33
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Fraternally submitted,

HENRY F. MITCHELL,
ROBERT W. MONTGOMERY,
HENRY G. BRUNER,
PAUL J. PONTIUS,
EDWARD T. ALBURGER,
Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

THOMAS R. PATTON MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

The Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund (which was founded by the late Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, in memory of his beloved wife, Ellen H. Graham Patton) respectfully report for the fiscal year ending with the 15th day of November, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917:

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RECEIPTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand November 15, 1916	\$1,597.32	\$3.33
Interest received during year on bonds secured by mortgages .		533.00
Interest on other securities . . .		4,636.05
Interest on deposits		58.88
Transferred to Principal from In- come for investment	1,307.81	
Wyoming Coal Co. 6's, due July 1, 1917	2,000.00	
Philadelphia Electric Gold 5's .	7,000.00	
Redeemed @ 5 per cent. Prem. .	350.00	
Citizens St. Ry., Muncie, 6's .	500.00	
Drawn for redemption @ 5 per cent. Prem.	25.00	
	<u>\$12,780.13</u>	<u>\$5,231.26</u>
	<u><u>\$12,780.13</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,231.26</u></u>

PAYMENTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Grand Treasurer, for use of Bursars		\$3,900.00
Rent of safe, Philadelphia Trust Co.		15.00
Transferred to Principal Account, Income for Investment		1,307.81
Cash Book		5.00
Investment, Bond & Mtge., 616 Race St., 5 per cent.	\$4,000.00	
Investment, Bond & Mtge., 538 So. 48th St., 5.4 per cent.	4,000.00	
Investment, U. S. Liberty Loan, 4 per cent.	4,500.00	
Balance	280.13	3.45
	<u>\$12,780.13</u>	<u>\$5,231.26</u>
	<u><u>\$12,780.13</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,231.26</u></u>

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THE SECURITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$10,000	Lehigh Valley Railway 4½'s, due July 1, 1940	\$10,636.25
1,000	Paterson & Passaic G. & E. L. 5's, due March 1, 1949	1,025.83
5,000	Philadelphia & Erie R. R. 4's, due April 1, 1920	5,037.50
1,000	Philadelphia & Reading Ex. 5's, due October 1, 1933	1,025.00
5,000	Atlantic City Railway 5's, due May 1, 1919	5,387.50
5,000	Citizens Street R. R. Inc. 5's, due May 1, 1933	5,212.50
5,500	Bond & Mtge., 1714 Columbia Ave., 5 per cent.; assessed \$8,000; 1917 tax receipt shown; past due 1900—April 9, 1910	5,500.00
1,000	Bond & Mtge., 243-45 Monroe St., 5 per cent.; assessed \$4,600; (tax receipt 1917 shown) past due	1,000.00
10,000	Elec. & Peoples Pass. Ry. 4's, due October 1, 1945	10,000.00
10,000	New York Gas & Elec. L. H. & P. 4's, due February 1, 1949	10,000.00
10,000	Baltimore & Ohio R. R. 1st M. 4's, due July 1, 1948	10,000.00
4,000	Baltimore & Ohio R. R. P. L. 3½'s, due July 1, 1925	3,735.00
11,000	Schuylkill River East Side 4's, due June 1, 1925	10,725.00
6,000	Northern Pacific R. R. P. L. 4's, due January 1, 1997	6,247.50
5,000	Phila. & Reading Improvement 4's, due January 1, 1947	5,222.50

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\$2,000	Lehigh Coal & Navigation 4's, due July 1, 1948	\$2,010.00
10,200	City of Philadelphia 4's, due 1938- 1941	10,527.45
7,650	Masonic Home 4 per cent. Loan, due July 1, 1931	7,650.00
1,000	Pennsylvania Building Company 5.9's, due November 15, 1919	1,005.00
1,000	John Wanamaker 1st Mtge. 5 per cent., due April 1, 1923	1,000.00
4,000	Bond & Mtge., 616 Race St., @ 5 per cent., due March 2, 1920; assessed at \$7,000 (tax receipt shown)	4,000.00
4,000	Bond & Mtge., 538 So. 48th St., @ 5.4 per cent., due May 17, 1920; assessed at \$5,500 (tax receipt shown)	4,000.00
4,500	Liberty 4 per cent. Bond	4,500.00
<u>\$123,850</u>		<u>\$125,447.03</u>

The securities are in a safe deposit box with the Philadelphia Trust Company.

The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to the Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund for the year ending St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1918, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

Fraternally submitted,

EDMUND D. SCHOLEY,
THOMAS R. PATTON,
McCLUNEY RADCLIFFE,
FRED PAUL SHER,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 5, 1917.

THOMAS RANKEN PATTON MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

The Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution For Boys beg to report as follows for period from November 15, 1916, to November 15, 1917:

RECEIPTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand November 15, 1916 . . .	\$45,038.22	
Income on Investments .		\$50,408.78
Interest on Deposits .		1,441.76
Rent Advertising Signboards, St. Louis, Mo.		115.00
Refund on St. Louis taxes		.14
1917.		
July 3. Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. Bond redeemed .	4,100.00	
Sept. 1. Citizens St. Rly. Co. Bond called for S. F.	525.00	
" 4. Tradesmen's Trust Co. paid 4th & final div. .	110.25	
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	\$49,773.47	\$51,965.68
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ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

EXPENDITURES.

		Principal.	Income.
	Taxes		\$3,186.44
	Taxes St. Louis, Mill Creek District Sewer		2,120.83
	Taxes St. Louis, Mill Creek District Sewer (2d and 3d installments)		1,003.42
	Water rent		97.00
	Salary of clerk		325.00
	Rent of safe deposit box		40.00
	Commissions for collect- ing rents		285.72
	Sundries		23.75
1916.			
Dec. 5.	\$5,000 T y r o n e , Pa., 4½ per cent.	\$5,483.75	
" 5.	\$5,000 Westmoreland County, Pa., 4 per cent.	5,204.56	
1917.			
Apr. 26.	\$5,000 Boro. of Mid- land, Pa., 4½ per cent. Sch. Disct.	5,277.17	
" 26.	\$9,000 Braddock, Pa., Imp. 4 per cent.	9,126.25	
May 21.	\$15,000 1st Liberty Loan Bonds	15,000.00	
" 25.	\$7,000 Boro. of Nor- ristown, Pa., 3½ per cent.	6,721.75	
July 12.	\$4,000 City of Phila- delphia, Pa., 3 per cent.	3,943.67	

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 5, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
July 12.	\$2,000 City of Philadelphia, Pa., 3½ per cent.	\$1,939.94	
" 12.	\$8,000 City of Philadelphia, Pa., 4 per cent.	8,080.67	
Aug. 16.	\$15,000 City of Philadelphia, Pa., 4 per cent.	15,076.67	
Oct. 25.	\$10,000 2d Liberty Loan Bonds	10,000.00	
		<u>\$85,854.43</u>	<u>\$7,082.16</u>
Balance, November 15, 1917, transferred to	Principal		<u>\$8,802.56</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

DEBITS.

1916.		Principal.	Income.
Nov. 15.	Balance	\$45,038.22	
" 23.	Six mos. rent St. Louis Terminal Asso.		\$7,462.47
" 28.	Interest, Boro. of Wilkinsburg, Pa.		212.50
" 29.	Interest, Broadway & 7th Ave. Ry. Co.		300.00
" 29.	Interest, Citizens St. Rly. Co., Muncie, Ind.		30.00
" 29.	Interest, Boro. of Dormont, Pa.		270.00
" 29.	Interest, Boro. of Sheraden, Pa.		225.00
Dec. 1.	Interest, City of Pittsburgh, Pa.		42.50
" 20.	Six mos. int. Mtge. 4623 Spruce St., Phila.		162.50

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
Jan.	2.	Interest, Equitable Ill. Gas. Lt. Co. . . .	\$75.00
"	2.	Interest, Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. Co. . . .	120.00
"	2.	Interest, Tyrone, Pa. . .	112.50
"	2.	Interest, Westmoreland County, Pa. . . .	100.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Scranton, Pa. . . .	340.00
"	2.	Interest, Consumers' Brewing Co. . . .	115.00
"	2.	Interest, United Railways Gold Tr. Ctfs. . . .	1,640.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .	400.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .	300.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .	340.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .	1,200.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .	175.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa., Sch. Disct. . . .	260.00
"	2.	Interest, Boro. of Prospect Park, Pa. . . .	157.50
"	2.	Interest, Masonic Home Loan Ctfs. . . .	427.00
"	2.	Dividend, Reading Traction Co. . . .	750.00
"	2.	Dividend, Susquehanna Tr. & S. Dep. Co. . . .	175.00

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 5, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
Jan.	2.	Dividend, 13th & 15th Sts. Pass. Rly. Co. .	\$600.00
"	2.	Six mos. rent., St. Louis Terminal Asso. . . .	416.99
"	10.	Interest, Trenton Pot- teries Funding Ctfs. .	400.00
"	15.	Refund on St. Louis, Mo., taxes . . . . .	.14
"	25.	Dividend, Trenton Pot- teries Co.	400.00
"	31.	Dividend, Phila. Rapid Transit Co.	62.50
Feb.	1.	Dividend, Penn Traffic Co.	40.05
"	7.	Interest, Interstate Rail- ways Co.	800.00
"	7.	I n t e r e s t , Pittsburgh, Cinn., Chi. & St. L. Ry. Co.	105.00
"	7.	Interest, City of Alle- gheny, Pa.	52.50
"	7.	Interest, City of Erie, Pa.	170.00
"	7.	Interest, Boro. of Beaver, Pa.	212.50
"	7.	Interest, Boro. of Lewis- town, Pa.	112.50
"	16.	Six mos. int. Mtge. Adam A. Catanach .	500.00
Mar.	2.	Interest, Webster Coal & Coke Co.	1,000.00
"	5.	Interest, City of Pitts- burgh, Pa.	164.25
"	8.	Rent Adv. Signboards, St. Louis, Mo. . . .	57.50

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
Apr.	2.	Interest, Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. . . .	\$100.00
"	2.	Interest, Suburban Gas. Co., of Phila. . . .	500.00
"	2.	Interest, Allegheny Co. Bridge Bonds	180.00
"	2.	Interest, Hazleton, Pa., Refunding Bonds	225.00
"	25.	Dividend, Trenton Pot- teries Co.	400.00
"	30.	Interest, City of Pitts- burgh, Pa.	340.00
"	30.	Interest, Boro. of Mid- land, Pa.	112.50
May	1.	Interest, Phila. & West Chester Trac. Co. . . .	125.00
"	1.	Dividend, West End Trust Co.	100.00
"	16.	Interest, Boro. of Wil- kinsburg, Pa.	212.50
"	22.	Six mos. rent, St. Louis Terminal Asso.	7,462.47
June	2.	Interest, Broadway & 7th Ave. Rly. Co.	300.00
"	2.	Interest, Citizens St. Rly.	30.00
"	2.	Interest, Boro. of Dor- mont, Pa.	270.00
"	2.	Interest, Boro. of Sher- aden, Pa.	225.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Pitts- burgh, Pa.	42.50
"	19.	Six mos. int. Mtge., 4623 Spruce St., Phila. . . .	162.50

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 5, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
July	2. Interest, Consumers' Brewing Co. . . .		\$115.00
"	2. Interest, United Railways Gold Tr. Ctfs. .		1,640.00
"	2. Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .		400.00
"	2. Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .		300.00
"	2. Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .		340.00
"	2. Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .		1,200.00
"	2. Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa. . . .		175.00
"	2. Interest, City of Philadelphia, Pa., Sch. Disct.		260.00
"	2. Interest, Boro. of Prospect Park, Pa. . . .		157.50
"	2. Interest, Masonic Home Loan Ctfs. . . .		427.00
"	2. Dividend, Reading Traction Co. . . .		750.00
"	2. Dividend, Susquehanna Tr. & S. Dep. Co. . .		175.00
"	2. Dividend, Susquehanna Tr. & S. Dep. Co. extra Div. . . .		25.00
"	2. Dividend, 13th & 15th Sts. Pass. Rly. Co. . .		600.00
"	3. Interest, Equitable Ill. Gas. Lt. Co. . . .		75.00
"	3. Interest, City of Scranton, Pa. . . .		340.00
"	3. Interest, Tyrone, Pa. .		112.50

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
July	3.	Interest, Westmoreland County, Pa.	\$100.00
"	3.	Interest, City of Brad- dock, Pa.	180.00
"	3.	Tonopah & Gold Field R. R. bonds redeemed . . .	\$4,100.00
"	3.	Interest, Tonopah & Gold Field R. R.	120.00
"	6.	Six mos. rent, St. Louis Terminal Asso.	416.99
"	10.	Interest, Trenton Pot- teries Fdg. Ctfs.	400.00
"	26.	Dividend, Trenton Pot- teries Co.	400.00
"	31.	Dividend, Phila. Rapid Transit Co.	62.50
Aug.	2.	Interest, Interstate Rail- ways Co.	800.00
"	2.	Interest, Pittsburgh, Cinn., Chi. & St. L. Ry.	105.00
"	2.	Interest, City of Alle- gheny, Pa.	52.50
"	2.	Interest, City of Erie, Pa.	170.00
"	2.	Interest, Boro. of Beaver, Pa.	212.50
"	2.	Interest, Boro. of Lewis- town, Pa.	112.50
"	2.	Dividend, Penn Traffic Co.	40.05
"	17.	Six mos. int. Mtge. Adam A. Catanach	500.00
"	31.	Interest, Webster Coal & Coke Co.	1,000.00

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 5, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
Sept. 1.	Interest, City of Pitts- burgh, Pa. . . . .	.	\$164.25
" 1.	Citizens St. Rly. Co. Bond No. 292 called for S. F.	\$525.00	
" 1.	Interest, Citizens St. Rly. Co.		7.50
" 4.	Tradesmen's Tr. Co. paid 4th and final div. . .	110.25	
" 13.	Rent. Adv. Signboards, St. Louis, Mo.		57.50
Oct. 1.	Interest, Lake Superior Corp.		50.00
" 1.	Interest, Seaboard Air Line Rly.		100.00
" 1.	Interest, Suburban Gas Co.		500.00
" 1.	Interest, Allegheny Co. Bridge Bonds		180.00
" 1.	Interest, Hazleton, Pa., Refunding Bonds . . .		225.00
" 1.	Interest, Liberty Loan Bonds . . . . .		.58
" 1.	Interest, Boro. of Nor- ristown, Pa.		122.50
" 1.	Interest, City of Phila- delphia, Pa., Sch. Disct.		160.00
" 25.	Dividend, Trenton Pot- teries Co.		400.00
Nov. 1.	Interest, City of Pitts- burgh, Pa.		340.00
" 1.	Interest, Boro. of Mid- land, Pa.		112.50
" 1.	Dividend, West End Trust Co.		100.00

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
Nov. 5.	Interest, Phila. & West Chester Trac. Co. .		\$125.00
	Net Income Rents— Phila. Properties .		4,215.01
	Net Income Rents— Cincinnati Properties		626.67
	Interest on deposits to November 15, 1917, at Philadelphia Trust Co.		1,441.76
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		\$49,773.47	\$51,965.68
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CREDITS.

		Principal.	Income.
	Commissions, Rent Col- lection		\$285.72
1916.			
Dec. 4.	Clerical services, Oct. & Nov., 1916 . . .		50.00
“ 5.	Tyrone, Pa., 4½ per cent. Bonds	\$5,483.75	
“ 5.	Westmoreland Co., Pa., 4 per cent. Bonds .	5,204.56	
“ 29.	Taxes for 1916, St. Louis property		2,220.29
“ 29.	Care of cemetery lot to Dec. 31, 1916 . . .		10.00
“ 30.	Clerical services, Dec., 1916		25.00
“ 30.	Additional taxes for 1916, St. Louis, Mo. . . .		53.00
1917.			
Mar. 2.	Water rent for 1917, Phila. properties .		97.00

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 5, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
Mar. 2.	Taxes for 1917, Phila. properties		\$892.24
Apr. 2.	Road Tax for 1917, E. Lansdale property .		10.55
" 2.	Clerical services, Jan., Feb., Mar., 1917 .		75.00
" 26.	Boro. of Midland, Pa. 4½ per cent. Sch. Disct.	\$5,277.17	
" 25.	Erecting Signboards pro- hibiting dumping, 3d & 4th Sub-divisions, St. Louis, Mo. . . .		5.25
" 26.	Braddock, Pa., Imp. 4 per cent. bonds . . .	9,126.25	
May 21.	2 per cent. on \$15,000 "Liberty Loan" Bonds	300.00	
" 25.	Boro. of Norristown, Pa., 3½ per cent. Bonds .	6,721.75	
June 1.	Clerical services, Apr. & May, 1917		50.00
" 15.	Balance on \$15,000, Liberty Loan Bonds .	14,700.00	
July 3.	Clerical services, June, 1917		25.00
" 12.	City of Philadelphia, Pa., 3 per cent. Bonds .	3,943.67	
" 12.	City of Philadelphia, Pa., 3½ per cent. Bonds .	1,939.94	
" 12.	City of Philadelphia, Pa., 4 per cent. Bonds, Sch. Dis. . . .	8,080.67	
Aug. 1.	Repairing brick sidewalk, St. Louis, Mo. . . .		3.50
" 1.	School tax for 1917, E. Lansdale property .		6.66

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

1917.		Principal.	Income.
Aug. 1.	Clerical services, July, 1917		\$25.00
" 16.	City of Philadelphia, Pa., 4 per cent. Bonds .	\$15,076.67	
Sept. 1.	County tax for 1917, E. Lansdale property .		3.70
" 1.	Clerical services, Aug., 1917		25.00
" 5.	Phila. Trust Co. for pur- chase of draft on St. Louis, Mo., order Miss. Valley Tr. Co., special taxes, Mill Creek Sewer		2,120.83
" 5.	Phila. Trust Co. for pur- chase of draft on St. Louis, Mo., order Mer- cantile Tr. Co., special taxes, Mill Creek Sewer		1,003.42
Oct. 1.	Repairing sidewalk, St. Louis, Mo.		5.00
" 1.	Clerical services, Sept., 1917		25.00
" 25.	Rent Safe Dep. Box, Phila. Trust Co. . . .		40.00
" 25.	2 per cent. on \$10,000 Liberty Loan Bonds .	200.00	
Nov. 1.	Clerical services, Oct., 1917		25.00
" 12.	B a l a n c e on \$10,000 Liberty Loan Bonds .	9,800.00	
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		\$85,854.43	\$7,082.16
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, DECEMBER 5, 1917.

RECAPITULATION.

Principal—Receipts	\$4,735.25
Income—Receipts	51,965.68
To which add balance of November	
15, 1916	45,038.22
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	\$101,739.15
Investments	\$85,854.43
Expense	7,082.16
Balance November 15, 1917, in	
Philadelphia Trust Co. . . .	8,802.56
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	\$101,739.15

SECURITIES—SCHEDULE No. 1.

	Par Value.	Cost.
Broadway & 7th Ave. Ry. Co. 1st		
Cons. 5 per cent., due 1943 . .	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Citizens' St. Ry. Co., of Muncie,		
Ind., 1st, 6 per cent., due 1927 .	500.00	525.00
Consumers' Brewing Co. Genl. 4 per		
cent. (Ctf. of Deposit), due 1943	11,500.00	4,600.00
Equitable Ill. Gas. Lt. Co. of Phila.		
5 per cent., due 1928	3,000.00	3,180.00
Interstate Railways Co. Col. Tr. 4		
per cent., due 1943	40,000.00	25,000.00
Lake Superior Corp. Income 5 per		
cent., due 1924	1,000.00	500.00
Phila. & West Chester Trac. Co. St.		
Tr. Ctfs. 5 per cent.	5,000.00	5,850.00
Pittsburgh, Cinn., Chi. & St. L. Ry.		
Co. Cons. Mtg. 3½ per cent., due		
1949	6,000.00	5,100.00
Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. 1st, 4 per		
cent., due 1950	5,000.00	4,000.00
Suburban Gas. Co. of Phila., 1st, 5		
per cent., due 1952	20,000.00	20,000.00
Trenton Potteries Co. Funding Ctfs.		
4 per cent.	20,000.00	13,000.00

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

	Par Value.	Cost.
United Railways Gold Tr. Ctfs. 4 per cent., due 1949	\$82,000.00	65,600.00
Webster Coal & Coke Co. 1st Cons. 5 per cent., due 1942	40,000.00	40,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent., due 1938	20,000.00	20,675.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent., due 1939	15,000.00	15,506.25
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent., due 1940	17,000.00	17,000.00
City of Philadelphia 4 per cent., due 1945	60,000.00	60,000.00
City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent., \$2,000 due 1922 6,000 due 1923 1,000 due 1924 1,000 due 1925 <hr/>	10,000.00	9,637.90
City of Philadelphia Sch. Disct. 4 per cent., due 1932	13,000.00	13,000.00
Boro. of Wilkinsburg, Pa., Sch. Disct. 4¼ per cent., due 1926	10,000.00	10,175.00
Boro. of Prospect Park, Pa., Gen. Impt. 4½ per cent., due 1940	7,000.00	7,168.00
City of Allegheny, Pa., 3d Ward Sch. Disct. 3½ per cent., due 1928	3,000.00	2,782.50
Allegheny County, Pa., Bridge 4 per cent., due 1940	9,000.00	8,977.50
Grand Lodge of Pa. Masonic Home Loan Ctfs. 4 per cent., due 1931	21,350.00	21,350.00
City of Scranton, Pa., 4¼ per cent., \$6,000 due 1921 6,000 due 1922 4,000 due 1923 <hr/>	16,000.00	16,166.16

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	Par Value.	Cost.
City of Pittsburgh, Pa., Penn Ave. Impt. $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., due 1926 .	\$16,000.00	\$16,237.28
Boro. of Dormont, Pa., Impt. $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., due 1935	12,000.00	12,620.40
Hazleton, Pa., Refunding $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., \$5,000 due 1922 5,000 due 1923 —	10,000.00	10,312.00
Boro. of Sheraden, Pa., Fdg. $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., due 1924	10,000.00	10,357.00
City of Erie, Pa., Sch. Disct. $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., due 1935	8,000.00	8,260.00
City of Pittsburgh, Pa., Park Loan, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., \$3,600 due 1920 3,700 due 1921 —	7,300.00	7,393.22
Boro. of Beaver, Pa., Refunding $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., \$1,000 due 1928 1,000 due 1929 1,000 due 1931 1,000 due 1932 1,000 due 1933 1,000 due 1934 1,000 due 1935 1,000 due 1936 1,000 due 1937 1,000 due 1938 —	10,000.00	10,276.20
Boro. of Lewistown, Pa., Sch. Disct. $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., due 1931	5,000.00	5,278.50
City of Pittsburgh, Pa., Playground, $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., \$1,000 due 1918 1,000 due 1919 —	2,000.00	2,010.20

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

	Par Value.	Cost.
Tyrone, Pa., Sch. Disct., 4½ per cent., due 1946	\$5,000.00	\$5,387.50
Westmoreland Co., Pa., Road Fdy. 4 per cent., due 1941	5,000.00	5,119.00
Boro. of Midland, Pa., Sch. Disct. 4½ per cent., \$1,000 due 1920		
1,000 due 1925		
1,000 due 1926		
2,000 due 1927		
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Boro. of Braddock, Pa., Fdg. & Impt. 4 per cent., \$2,000 due 1926		
5,000 due 1927		
2,000 due 1929		
<hr/>	9,000.00	9,011.25
Boro. of Norristown, Pa., 3½ per cent., due 1927	7,000.00	6,685.00
U. S. Government 1st Liberty Loan, 3½ per cent., due 1947	15,000.00	15,000.00
City of Philadelphia, Pa., 3 per cent., due 1918	4,000.00	3,940.00
City of Philadelphia, Pa., 3½ per cent., due 1923	2,000.00	1,937.80
City of Philadelphia, Pa., 4 per cent., due 1926, Sch. Disct.	8,000.00	7,990.00
City of Philadelphia, Pa., 4 per cent., due 1947	15,000.00	15,000.00
U. S. Government 2d Liberty Loan 4 per cent.	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bond & Mortgage, Adam A. Catanach, August 16, 1909–August 16, 1912	20,000.00	20,000.00
Bond & Mortgage, Mrs. Harry H. Rudolph, June 17, 1915–June 17, 1920	6,500.00	6,500.00

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	Shares.	Cost.
Huntingdon & Broad Top Mtn. R. R. & Coal Co.	90 Pfd.	\$5,400.00
Huntingdon & Broad Top Mtn. R. R. & Coal Co.	600 Com.	12,000.00
National Smelting Co.	2,250	2,500.00
Penna. Casualty Co., of Scranton, Pa.	18	1,170.00
Phila. Mortgage & Trust Co.	21½	150.00
Phila. Rapid Transit Co.	50	1,700.00
Penn Traffic Co.	534	1,335.00
Reading Traction Co.	1,000	30,000.00
Susquehanna Tr. & S. Dep. Co., of Williamsport, Pa.	100	12,500.00
13th & 15th Sts. Pass. Ry. Co.	100	30,000.00
Trenton Potteries Co.	200 Pfd.	14,000.00
West End Trust Co.	25	6,500.00
		<u>\$713,530.83</u>

REAL ESTATE—SCHEDULE No. 2.

	App. Value.
Nos. 1601, 1605 Harrison Ave. and No. 1600 Queen City Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio	\$7,000.00
No. 1228 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa. . . .	9,000.00
No. 227 So. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa. . . .	32,000.00
Nos. 401-407 So. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa. . .	20,000.00
Lot Montgomery Township, adjoining Lansdale, Pa.	1,400.00
Lot Montgomery Township, adjoining Lansdale, Pa.	1,400.00
Lot Montgomery Township, adjoining Lansdale, Pa.	900.00
Lease of lots, St. Louis, Mo.	16,600.00
Lease of lots, St. Louis, Mo.	300,000.00
	<u>\$388,300.00</u>

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RECAPITULATION.

Cash	\$8,802.56
Safe	152.50
Securities, Schedule No. 1	713,530.83
Real Estate, Schedule No. 2	388,300.00
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	\$1,110,785.89
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In addition to the assets above mentioned, the Trustees also hold sixty (60) lots of ground in the city of St. Louis, Mo., no appraisement of which has yet been made. They adjoin or are in close proximity to the lots leased, appearing in Schedule No. 2.

No changes have taken place in the securities previously reported as of no value.

The Trustees invest from time to time the income, adding it to the principal.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

LOUIS A. WATRES,
JAMES B. KRAUSE,
JOHN S. SELL,
ABRAHAM M. BEITLER,
GEORGE B. ORLADY,
J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
EDWARD W. PATTON,
GEORGE W. McCANDLESS,
WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
ANDREW H. HERSHEY,
HENRY C. SCHOCK,
GEORGE S. GRAHAM,
CLEMENT B. NEWBOLD,
THOMAS R. PATTON,
MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN.

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STEPHEN TAYLOR BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

The Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest make the following report of their trust:

DR.		
	Principal.	Income.
The Trustees charge themselves with the balance on hand on November 15, 1916		\$76.60
The Trustees charge themselves with the total of principal investments as per Schedule A attached hereto	\$15,800.00	
The Trustees charge themselves with total amount of income collected, interest on mortgages, as per Schedule B attached hereto		787.81
The Trustees charge themselves with interest on deposit, Commercial Trust Company		11.17
Total	<u>\$15,800.00</u>	<u>\$875.58</u>

CR.		
The Trustees ask credit for the following:		
By securities, mortgages on hand as per Schedule A	\$15,800.00	

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By cash paid Grand Lodge of Penn-		
sylvania on November 3, 1917 .		\$750.00
By cash paid Grand Lodge of Penn-		
sylvania on November 9, 1917 .		100.00
Balance on hand November 15, 1917		25.58
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Total	\$15,800.00	\$875.58
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Balance brought down . . .		\$25.58
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MORTGAGES HELD BY TRUSTEES OF STEPHEN TAYLOR BEQUEST.

SCHEDULE A.

Mortgage of Louis Chepnick, 2415 S. Marshall Street, \$1,000 at $4\frac{9}{10}$ per cent. Interest payable 30th of May and 30th of November. Interest guaranteed by Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages.

Mortgage of Walter A. W. Dilmore, 5618 Walton Avenue, \$1,200 at $4\frac{9}{10}$ per cent. Interest payable 18th of January and 18th of July. Interest guaranteed by Philadelphia Company for Guaranteeing Mortgages.

Mortgage of Lawrence Hyland and Mary, his wife, for \$1,900 on 5561 Pearl Street, at 5 per cent. Interest payable 14th of February and 14th of August. Tax receipt for 1917 displayed.

Mortgage of Robert S. Rudolph, 5212 Fitzwater Street, \$2,200 at 5 per cent. Interest payable January 13 and July 13th. Interest now paid by Henry W. Baxter. Tax receipt for 1917 exhibited.

Mortgage of Martin E. McDonough, 628 S. 52d Street, \$2,500 at 5 per cent. Interest payable November 10th and May 10th. Tax receipt for 1917 exhibited.

Mortgage of Joseph Gilfillan, 1101 N. 42d Street, \$3,000

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at 5 per cent. Interest now paid by Mrs. Celia Iagnatov.
Interest payable August 23d and February 23d. Tax receipt.

Mortgage of George R. Camp, 513 S. 45th Street, \$4,000
at 5 per cent. Interest payable May 18th and November 18th.
Tax receipt exhibited, for 1917.

TRUSTEES OF THE STEPHEN TAYLOR BEQUEST OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA IN ACCOUNT
WITH GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SCHEDULE B.

The Trustees charge themselves with income received as follows:

1916.

Dec. 1.	To int. Phila. Co. Guar. Mtgs., 2415 S. Marshall St.	\$24.50
Dec. 2.	To int. Geo. R. Camp, 513 S. 45th St.	100.00
Dec. 2.	To int. Mary R. McDonough, 628 S. 52d St.	62.50

1917.

Jan. 12.	To int. Henry W. Baxter, 5212 Fitzwater St.	55.00
Jan. 16.	To int. Commercial Trust Co. on deposit	6.57
Jan. 18.	To int. Phila. Co. Guar. Mtgs., 5618 Walton Ave.	29.40
Feb. 23.	To int. Mrs. Celia Iagnatov, 1101 N. 42d St.	75.00
Mar. 7.	To int. Mrs. L. Hyland, 5561 Pearl St.	47.50
May 19.	To int. Mary R. McDonough, 628 S. 52d St.	62.50
May 31.	To int. Phila. Co. Guar. Mtgs., 2415 S. Marshall St.	24.50
June 4.	To int. Geo. R. Camp, 513 S. 45th Street	100.00
July 17.	To int. Henry W. Baxter, 5212 Fitzwater St.	55.00

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1917.

July 18.	To int. Phila. Co. Guar. Mtgs., 5618 Walton Ave.	\$29.41
July 30.	To int. Commercial Trust. Co. on deposit	4.60
Aug. 15.	To int. Mrs. Celia Iagnatov, 1101 N. 52d St.	75.00
Nov. 6.	To int. Mrs. L. Hyland, 5561 Pearl St.	47.50
		<hr/> \$798.98 <hr/>

All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee,

JOHN WEAVER, *Chairman*,

HENRY W. SMITH,

GEORGE J. SCHAEFER,

JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON.

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**CHARLES JACKSON McCLARY MEMORIAL
FUNDS.**

The Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds present their Annual Report for the year ending November 15, 1917, as follows:

INCOME ACCOUNT MEMORIAL FUND TO GRAND LODGE
FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.

INTEREST RECEIVED.

City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan, \$30,000.

One year	\$1,050.00
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This amount has been paid to the Grand Secretary and his receipt taken therefor.

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MEMORIAL FUND TO MASONIC HOME OF
PENNSYLVANIA.

3333 NORTH BROAD STREET.

INTEREST RECEIVED.

City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan, \$20,000.

One year	\$700.00
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This amount has been paid to the Secretary of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania and his receipt taken therefor.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT MEMORIAL FUND TO GRAND LODGE
FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.

Is invested as follows:

	Par.
City of Phila. 3½ per cent. Loan Cert. No. 3, payable July 1, 1934. Cost, \$30,712.50	\$30,000.00

MEMORIAL FUND TO MASONIC HOME OF
PENNSYLVANIA.

3333 NORTH BROAD STREET.

Is invested as follows:

	Par.
City of Phila. 31½ per cent. Loan Cert. No. 2, payable July 1, 1934. Cost, \$20,475.00	\$20,000.00

The securities are deposited in the vault of the Girard Trust Company.

Fraternally submitted,

BENJAMIN EISEMAN,

EDWIN S. STUART,

CHARLES H. EDMUNDS,

ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.,

WILLIAM J. BARR,

Trustees.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

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MAXWELL SOMMERVILLE BEQUESTS.

The Trustees of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequests made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

The Trustees of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequests respectfully report for the fiscal year ending on November 15, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917, as follows:

(1) BEQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF OBJECTS AND WORKS OF ART.

AS AT NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand November 15, 1916	\$10,000.00	\$3,058.34
Income on Investments		453.75
Interest on deposit		94.68
Dividend, Tradesmen's Trust Co.		31.58
Totals	\$10,000.00	\$3,638.35

EXPENDITURES.

McClees' Studio for renovating pictures		250.00
Balance on hand November 15, 1917	\$10,000.00	\$3,388.35

The principal (\$10,000) of the above Bequest is invested as follows:

Bond and Mortgage, James C. Higgins and wife on premises No. 225 North 20th Street, Philadelphia, and on No. 4408 Locust Street, Philadelphia; 4½ per cent.	\$10,000.00
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Tax receipts for the year 1916 have been produced.

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(2) BANQUET BEQUEST.

AS AT NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand, November 15, 1916	\$5,000.00	\$470.03
Income on Investments		220.00
Interest on Deposits		12.00
Dividend, Tradesmen's Trust Co.		15.74
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Totals	\$5,000.00	\$717.77

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of annual banquet, in accordance with terms of Bequest, including printing, postage, etc.		394.88
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Balance on hand November 15, 1917	\$5,000.00	\$322.89
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The principal (\$5,000) of the above Bequest is invested as follows:

Bond and mortgage, Adam A. Catanach, on premises No. 3103 Germantown Ave., Phila.; 4½ per cent.	\$1,600.00
Bond and mortgage, George S. Holland and wife, on premises Nos. 3438 and 3440 N. Water St., Phila.; 4½ per cent.	1,600.00
Bond and mortgage, Jessie Catanach, on premises No. 3466 N. Water St., Phila.; 4½ per cent.	800.00
Bond Masonic Home Loan, 4 per cent.	1,000.00
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Total	\$5,000.00
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Tax receipts for the year 1916 have been produced, wherever required by the mortgage investments as above enumerated.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS C. STELLWAGEN,

ROBERT GRAHAM,

PETER M. MACLAREN,

FRANCIS L. BORIE,

WILLIAM W. ALLEN,

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

Trustees.

HENRY KRUG BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Henry Krug Bequest made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

The Trustees of the Henry Krug Bequest respectfully report for the fiscal year ending November 15, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917:

STATEMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

Amount of Principal composed of
the items detailed in Abstract of
Proceedings for 1916 at page 102,

etc.	\$128,412.84
Gain in sale of securities	300.88
Krug Estate—Ohio real estate sold	511.20
Krug Estate—Paid by Executors	277.63
Krug Estate—Virginia real estate sold	550.00
November 15, 1917, Balance of Principal	<hr/> \$130,052.55 <hr/>

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Composed of the following items:

27½'s. St. Clair Savings & Trust Co. @ 50	\$1,375.00
44½'s. Hazlewood Savings & Trust Co. @ 100	4,450.00
43's. Federal Savings & Trust Co. @ 100	4,300.00
50's. Balt. & Ohio R. R. Co. Com. @ 88	4,400.00
\$1,000 American Pipe Mfg. Coll. Tr. Ctf. 5 per cent. @ 87	870.00
\$5,000 Superior Cal. Farm Lands Co. 6 per cent. bond	750.00
50's. Superior Cal. Farm Lands Co. Voting Tr. Ctf.	
(Exchanged for \$3000 Sacramento Val. Inv. Co.)	
\$25,000 Grand Rapids & Ind. Ry. Co. 4½'s. @ 100	25,000.00
\$10,000 Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula 4's. @ 98½	9,850.00
\$10,000 Balto. & Ohio Equip. Tr. Ctfs. 4½'s. @ 101.451	10,132.60
\$10,000 Beech Creek R. R. Co. 4½'s. @ 96	9,600.00
\$10,000 City of Philadelphia 4's. @ 101.50	10,150.00
\$10,000 Pa. R. R. Co. Cons. 4's. @ 98.75	9,875.00
\$10,000 Lackawanna County 4's. @ 103⅛	10,312.50
\$10,000 City of Philadelphia 4's. @ 104	10,400.00
\$10,000 Allegheny Valley R. R. Co. 4's. @ 98⅞	9,887.50
\$3,000 Pa. R. R. Co. Genl. 4½'s. @ 98	2,940.00
\$3,000 Pa. R. R. Co. Genl. 4½'s. @ 97.50	2,925.00
\$1,500 U. S. Liberty Loan 1st 3½ per cent. @ 100	1,500.00
\$1,000 U. S. Liberty Loan 2d 4 per cent. @ 100	1,000.00
Cash on deposit Philadelphia Trust Co.	334.95
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	\$130,052.55
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INCOME ACCOUNT.

Interest, dividends and interest on deposits . \$5,836.40

Which was applied as follows:

Auditing, safe, account book . . \$50.20

Accrued interest on securities purchased 431.99

Taxes on Virginia real estate . . 40.55

Paid to Grand Lodge . . . 5,313.66

————— \$5,836.40

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,

JOSEPH H. HINKSON,

CHARLES LEHR,

HENRY S. BORNEMAN,

T. DARLINGTON BUCKWALTER,

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Trustees of the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

The Trustees of the Endowment Funds of the Masonic Homes of the Grand Lodge take pleasure in reporting that they have received the following donations and bequests up to November 15, 1917:

IN SECURITIES.

Mortgage for \$5,000 on property situated south-
east side Memphis St., east of Columbia Ave.,
gift of Anna M. Sommerville . . . \$5,000.00

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BY CASH.

Bequest of William Willson . . .	\$4,000.00	
Donations to the Fund, 1917 . . .	633.30	
Received from Lodge No. 427 . . .	500.00	
Received from Lodge No. 358 . . .	100.00	
Donation of Lodge No. 591 . . .	100.00	
Donation of Lodge No. 187 . . .	100.00	
Donation of Fred B. Hubbell, of Lodge No. 273	1.00	
Donation of Ladies' Auxiliary Com- mandery No. 70	25.00	
Donation of John W. Doellner, of Lodge No. 345	2.00	
Donation of William C. Baum, of Lodge No. 559	2.00	
Donation of a member of Lodge No. 610	100.00	
Donation of H. C. Cree	56.00	
Donation of F. A. Schiller	50.00	
Donation of Buch Family	5.00	
Donation of Farmers' Fertilizer Works	25.00	
Donation of George Merithew, of Lodge No. 218	2.00	
Donation of Oscar I. Courser, of Lodge No. 218	1.00	
Donation of Levi Eshbach (Guest), of Lodge No. 256	100.00	
Donation of Francis C. Murphy, of Lodge No. 225	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,804.30
Total Cash Value in Permanent Fund . . .		<hr/> \$10,804.30

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Interest on the above to November 15, 1917, which has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary		\$368.33
Total		<u>\$11,172.63</u>

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, 3D,
Chairman.

HENRY N. WESSEL,
WILLIAM F. SOLLY,
JAMES C. ROGERS,
JOSEPH SAVIDGE.

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COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund submit the following Report for the year ending November 15, 1917:

Balance on hand November 16, 1916 . . . \$3,100.94

RECEIPTS.

Received from the Right Worshipful

Grand Treasurer . . . \$125,199.51

Interest on deposits at Fourth Street

National Bank to October 30, 1917 811.63

126,011.14

Total \$129,112.08

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EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Redemption of Masonic	
Home Loan Certificates	\$127,950.00
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	\$127,950.00
Balance, November 15, 1917	1,162.08
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Total	\$129,112.08
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The above balance is on deposit at the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadelphia, in the name of The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Pennsylvania.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN M. WALTON,
HENRY M. DECKERT,
R. MORGAN ROOT,
J. SOMERS SMITH,
DAVID F. COLLINGWOOD.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN :

In the matter of the petition of ——— Lodge No. ———
to remove the expulsion of W. B., the facts are as follows:

W. B. was convicted in the Court of Quarter Session,
of Allegheny County, of having accepted a bribe while

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president of City Councils in Pittsburgh. He was found guilty, sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary, and upon appeal to the Superior Court judgment was affirmed. Charges of gross unmasonic conduct were preferred against him, but the trial committee found him not guilty because the only testimony offered was the record of the conviction in the civil courts, and ——— Lodge sustained the report. On appeal made to Grand Lodge, ——— Lodge was directed to expel W. B., and that was done. This was in 1911.

On November 28, 1916, a resolution was adopted by ——— Lodge to petition Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion of W. B. The petition of a subordinate Lodge to restore an expelled member to good Masonic standing would have greater weight if that Lodge had in the first place appreciated the gravity of the offence committed by the accused. And that he was guilty there is no doubt. But it was urged before your committee that, having paid the penalty by serving his term in the penitentiary, and since then having shown himself to be a good citizen, the right hand of fellowship should be extended to him for the sake of his family. Your committee realize the propriety and duty of Masons to help a fallen Brother to his feet, but this does not necessarily involve his restoration to those Masonic privileges which he voluntarily forfeited by his own act. Grand Lodge has decided that there are some offences which cannot be pardoned by it, and while your committee are not prepared to say that bribery in a public legislative officer is one of those offences, yet they are strongly of opinion that Masons should declare in no uncertain terms their condemnation of a crime which undermines the foundations of good government, and they are also of opinion that a sufficient time has not elapsed since the expiration of the term of service by W. B. in the penitentiary to justify the Fraternity in believing that he is again entitled to be made a Mason. Your committee are of opinion that it is not expedient at this time to restore him

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to good Masonic standing, they therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That the petition of ——— Lodge No. ——— be refused.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE C. BURGWIN,

CASPER DULL,

MURDOCH KENDRICK,

HENRY J. SCOTT,

WILLIAM H. SHOEMAKER,

Committee on Appeals.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, when, on separate motions, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that it has, with the assistance of the United States Audit Company, examined the Accounts and Securities of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, including the Thomas Singleton Bequest; Trustees of the Girard Bequest; Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund; Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys; Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest; Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds; Trustees of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequests; Trustees of the Henry Krug Bequest; Trustees of the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund; The Emergency Relief Fund; the accounts and vouchers of the

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Committee on Temple, and the Committee on Library; the accounts and vouchers of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.; the Commissioners of Sinking Fund; the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Secretary, and have found same correct.

The books of the Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1917, show as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Rent	\$72,126.50
Initiations	16,998.00
Dues	125,998.50
Dispensations	39,615.00
Masonic Homes Loan Redemption	126,009.51
Masonic Homes Endowment Fund	1,222.30
Masonic Homes Donations	508.70
Masonic Homes Petition Fees	94,585.90
Masonic Homes Maintenance	15,042.57
Interest—Dues and Rents overdue	157.57
Interest—Deposits	1,308.03
Allegheny County Memorial	53,689.28
Ahiman Rezons	306.00
Grand Lodge Certificates	1,724.00
Income, Stephen Taylor Bequest, Maintenance	
Masonic Homes	850.00
Library Cumulative Fund	269.48
Masonic Homes Grand Lodge (Capital Account)	3,387.08
Warrants	600.00
Gas Range Rent	1,016.00
Committee on Temple	101.13
Paul L. Levis Memorial	34.66
Charles Jackson McClary Fund No. 2	1,050.00
Henry Krug Bequest Income	5,313.66
Gustavus Groezinger Bequest	10,595.58

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Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital .	\$5,061.63
Expense Grand Lodge (Sale Proceedings) .	271.11
Cumberland Valley Memorial Fund . . .	7,750.00
War Relief Fund	10,132.18
Loans from banks	20,000.00
Tradesmen's Trust Company (Final Dividend from Receiver)	134.63
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	\$615,859.00
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EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	\$17,350.02
Expense Grand Lodge	9,064.46
Expense Officers and D. D. Grand Masters .	4,523.19
Committee on Temple	46,211.13
Committee on Library	9,000.00
Committee on Masonic Homes	2,124.91
Committee on Correspondence	500.00
Masonic Homes Grand Lodge (Capital Account)	31,501.61
Masonic Homes Maintenance	130,500.00
Grand Lodge Certificates	467.75
Interest, Loans	14,746.48
Expense Grand Master	5,000.00
Commissioners Sinking Fund	125,199.51
Employment Bureau	1,050.00
Taxes on Temple	31,500.00
Mileage	4,200.00
Gustavus Groezinger Bequest	5,000.00
Paul L. Levis Annuity	1,400.00
Paul L. Levis Memorial Building	1,375.92
Estate John P. S. Gobin	11.83
Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial	6,766.28
Allegheny County Memorial	54,000.00
Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund	3,500.00
Ahiman Rezons	169.80

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Painting Past Grand Master	\$1,000.00
Bank Loans Repaid	75,000.00
Transient Relief	100.00
Tradesmen's Trust Company—Deposit Account	783.73
Trustees Masonic Homes Endowment Fund .	5,978.30
Lodge No. 60	678.19
	<u>\$588,703.11</u>

SUMMARY.

Balance, November 16, 1916 . . .	\$38,964.42
Receipts, November 16, 1916, to November 15, 1917, inclusive .	615,859.00
	<u>\$654,823.42</u>
Expenditures, November 16, 1916, to November 15, 1917, inclusive	588,703.11

Balance, November 15, 1917 . . .	\$66,120.31
Less special funds not available for general uses of Grand Lodge:	
Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial	\$336.28
Allegheny County Memorial . . .	26,712.74
Cumberland Valley Memorial Fund	7,750.00
Gustavus Groezinger — Bequest — Balance	5,595.58
War Relief Fund	10,132.18
Sinking Fund	811.00
Elizabethtown Masonic Homes En- dowment Fund	18.00
Mary Huston	100.00
John P. S. Gobin Bequest . . .	456.86
	<u>51,912.64</u>

Actual cash balance for uses of Grand Lodge	\$14,207.67
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Your Committee respectfully submits the following budget of Estimated Receipts and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1918. This budget is based on figures furnished by the Grand Secretary, Committee on Temple, Committee on Library, Committee on Masonic Homes and this Committee:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Rents	\$70,000.00
Initiations	13,000.00
Petition Fees for Masonic Homes	130,000.00
Dues (including \$130,000 for Commissioners of Sinking Fund for Redemption of Masonic Homes Loan)	260,000.00
Dispensations	27,500.00
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund—	
Income	1,050.00
Estate Henry Krug—Income	6,000.00
Stephen Taylor Bequest—Income	750.00
Total estimated receipts	\$508,300.00
To which add cash on hand November 15, 1917	14,207.67
Making a total of	<u>\$522,507.67</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Expenses Grand Master	\$5,000.00
Mileage to Representatives in Grand Lodge	7,000.00
Expenses Grand Lodge	9,000.00
Expenses Officers and D. D. Grand Masters	5,000.00
Salaries: Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Clerks to Grand Secretary; Contingencies Grand Secretary's Office, Grand Tyler and Instructor in Masonic Work, Secretary of Grand Master	18,000.00
Taxes, 1918, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia	42,300.00

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Committee on Temple:

Salaries	\$25,000.00
Laundry	200.00
Window cleaning	400.00
Hauling ashes	450.00
Electric Lighting	8,000.00
Coal	3,500.00
Ice	350.00
Telephones	700.00
Furniture and repairs	3,500.00
Machinery and repairs	1,000.00
Building repairs	2,500.00
Electrical work	1,500.00
Insurance	3,400.00
Water rent	515.00
Miscellaneous	1,800.00
Petty cash	150.00
Exterior painting and interior renovating	5,000.00
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	\$57,965.00

Committee on Library:

Salaries	\$7,700.00
Reprints and publications	1,500.00
Periodicals	75.00
Binding periodicals	100.00
Bindings	300.00
New books	250.00
Museum	500.00
Cataloguing	50.00
Stationery and printing	100.00
Telephone	100.00
Express	50.00
Postage	100.00
Petty Cash	100.00
Miscellaneous	75.00
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	11,000.00

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Committee on Masonic Homes	\$175,000.00
Committee on Correspondence	500.00
Expenses of Committee on Masonic Homes	2,000.00
Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund	3,500.00
Transient Relief	100.00
Interest Account:	
On Masonic Homes Loan, at 4 per cent.	7,600.00
Commissioners of Sinking Fund for Redemption of Masonic Homes Loan	130,000.00
Lancaster County Memorial	15,430.00
Paul L. Levis Annuity	1,400.00
Employment Bureau	5,500.00
Loan—Emergency Relief Fund	10,000.00
Portrait painting in oil, Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES	1,000.00
George Washington Memorial Fund	10,000.00
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	\$517,295.00
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SUMMARY.

Total Estimated Receipts\$522,507.67
Total Estimated Expenditures 517,295.00
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Estimated surplus \$5,212.67
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Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all moneys received by the Committee on Masonic Homes from the operation of the farms, or from any other source, for account of Maintenance by the Committee on Masonic Homes, be returned to the Grand Lodge, and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of said Committee for maintenance in addition to the appropriation of \$175,000 hereinbefore set forth.

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Resolved, That the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow on temporary loans, sufficient funds to meet the current expenses of Grand Lodge, not exceeding Seventy-five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and is hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the Grand Treasurer for the several appropriations for the year 1918, as are hereinabove specified.

The Grand Secretary has furnished the Committee with a balance sheet of Grand Lodge, as of November 15, 1917, and also one after the closing entries of the year have been made. The latter is appended hereto, and made part of this report.

Balance sheet, November 15, 1917, after closing entries for the fiscal year ending this day have been made:

DEBITS.

Cash	\$66,120.31
Accounts Receivable, Sundry	
Lodges and other bodies	6,745.30
Sinking Fund	350.45
Real Estate	1,700,000.00
Masonic Homes Grand Lodge	1,259,326.05
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	\$3,032,542.11

TRUST FUNDS.

Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund No. 1	\$20,475.00
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Fund No. 2	30,712.50
Emergency Relief Fund	13,665.11
Girard Bequest	89,976.36

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Grand Lodge Charity Fund	\$123,532.72	
Maxwell Sommerville Bequest,		
Art Fund	13,058.34	
Maxwell Sommerville Bequest,		
Banquet Fund	5,949.81	
Stephen Taylor Bequest	15,800.00	
Thomas Singleton Bequest	28,335.11	
Thomas R. Patton Memorial		
Charity Fund	124,015.18	
Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic		
Institution for Boys	1,067,052.99	
Henry Krug Bequest, Trustees		
Principal	128,412.84	
Masonic Homes Endowment		
Fund	10,978.30	
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		\$4,704,506.37
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CREDITS.

Accounts Payable, Sundry	
Lodges	\$756.03
Emergency Relief Fund, Special	
Loan	10,000.00
Grand Lodge—War Relief Fund	10,132.18
Cumberland Valley Memorial	
Fund	7,750.00
Gustavus Groezinger Bequest	
(balance)	5,595.58
Estate of John P. S. Gobin,	
deceased	456.86
Elizabethtown Masonic Homes	
Endowment Fund	18.00

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Lancaster County Freemasons'	
Memorial	\$15,430.00
Mary Huston	100.00
Allegheny County Memorial .	26,712.74
Philadelphia Freemasons' Me-	
morial Hospital	336.28
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	\$77,287.67
Trust Funds	1,671,964.26
Masonic Homes Loan	255,600.00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania .	2,699,654.44
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	\$4,704,506.37
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Fraternally submitted,

CLEMENT B. NEWBOLD,

CHARLES E. ROBERTS,

OTTO R. HEILIGMAN,

J. WILLISON SMITH,

JOHN L. THOMSON,

Committee on Finance.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amend-

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ments to By-Laws referred to it and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 362, 420, 529 and 683 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 81, 144, 164, 219, 231, 233, 234, 236, 294, 295, 314, 363, 402, 405, 430, 470, 479, 500, 549, 570, 573, 591, 623, 638, 667, 670, 681 and 686 be approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 537, Article III, Section 3, Article V, Section 1, and Article VI, Section 1, be approved and that Article X be not approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 576, Article I, Section 1, and Article VII, Section 1, be approved and that Article VII, Section 2, be amended by striking out the words "be made a Life Member and as such" and that as so amended, it be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
CHARLES S. WOOD,

Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on Temple respectfully reports the following account of the expenditures for the year ending November 15, 1917:

Item.	
1. Salaries and wages	\$20,602.97
2. Window cleaning	332.60
3. Laundry	122.38
4. Hauling ashes	370.65
5. Electric lighting and power	6,530.76
6. Coal	2,521.45
7. Ice.	326.00
8. Telephone	449.60
9. Furniture and repairs	2,869.79
10. Machinery	692.71
11. Building repairs	7,651.16
12. Electrical work	1,154.20
13. Insurance	396.30
14. Water rent	515.00
15. Miscellaneous	1,505.57
16. Petty cash	120.00
17. Ventilating system	376.50
Total	<u>\$46,537.64</u>

The Committee on Temple would respectfully report that the repairs, reclaiming of the decorations and alterations to the interior of the Temple, as outlined in our report at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in September last, have been completed and seem to meet with the general

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approval of the members of Grand Lodge. There is much more that needs immediate attention if we are going to preserve this magnificent Temple and keep it in the condition that the standing and dignity of the Grand Lodge should require. Your Committee, however, can only go as far as the money appropriated will warrant.

In the judgment of your Committee an annual appropriation of \$5,000 for the next three years will go a long ways towards putting the Temple in good condition.

Numerous requests for Lodge rooms which we have been unable to grant, owing to the increasing demand, and the fact that the Temple was only opened five nights a week, have led your Committee to open the Temple on Saturday nights for the use of the various Masonic bodies. While this has only been tried since September last, we are convinced it is going to assist materially in solving one of our most troublesome questions, that of how we can best care for our tenants.

In conclusion, we wish to express our appreciation of the faithful services rendered by all our employees. These Brethren are assisting your Committee in every way possible to work out economical problems and to obtain the greatest efficiency in our organization.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH E. QUINBY,

CHARLES F. BOWER,

J. LEE PATTON,

JOHN D. CASSELL,

JOHN W. EMSLEY,

Committee on Temple.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOMES.

The Committee on Masonic Homes made the following report, which was ordered to be printed and filed:

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Committee on Masonic Homes herewith presents its report for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1917, together with detailed information taken from the monthly and annual reports submitted to the Committee by the several Departmental Heads of the Homes.

Regular monthly meetings of the Committee were held at the Homes during the year, besides individual visits of members of the Committee. In addition to the regular meetings of the Committee, there were weekly meetings at the Homes by three members thereof, acting in the interim of the monthly meetings as an Executive Committee. By this method of supervision and control, the Committee is constantly in close touch with the management of the several departments of the Homes. Painstaking and exacting as this service is for very busy men, it is cheerfully rendered Grand Lodge, without the expectation of reward, save the inspiring hope of meeting the expectations and approval of the Brethren.

The system of accounting adopted for the several departments of the Homes is full, complete and comprehensive, whereby the minutest details and unit costs are readily ascertainable. Your attention is directed to this part of the work at the Homes, in order that those who visit there may feel free to inspect the interesting information the system discloses.

The Committee acknowledges itself greatly indebted to the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge for the advisory assistance rendered it pertaining to the financial needs of the Homes. There is something so intensely fascinating in the development of our Masonic Community at Elizabethtown, with its stately hall and homes, spacious hospital, farms and farm buildings, gardens and orchards, lawns, wonderful groupings and varieties of trees and shrubbery, its own plants of heat and light, water and sewage disposal, and an all pervading atmosphere of peace, contentment and happiness, that it is perhaps opportune and wise the Finance Committee be the ballast to keep the zeal and en-

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thusiasm of the Brethren, as well as the Committee on Homes, from soaring too high.

Grand Lodge has wisely laid the foundation for the Masonic Community upon broad, adequate and liberal lines, to properly meet future needs, and which was made possible, and a living reality by the disinterested sacrifice of Masonry's broadly inculcated philanthropy, the splendid liberality of the Brethren of Philadelphia in the bestowal of their Memorial Hospital, already indispensable to the Fraternity, the courageous undertakings of the Brethren of the Counties of Berks and Allegheny, in providing princely and commodious cottages for those who need protecting care, and the brotherly big-heartedness and generous liberality of the late Brother JOHN HENRY DAMAN and Brother PAUL L. LEVIS, which inspired and made possible the "John Henry Daman Memorial" and the "Paul L. Levis Memorial."

The Allegheny County Memorial is well under way, and when completed will meet the immediate needs of the Homes. The spirit for adding additional cottages in accordance with the village plan was manifested during the year, but was discouraged by the Committee until such time when additional room is urgent and Grand Lodge can better afford to pay its share of the expense of new buildings, if need be.

This policy, however, was not intended to deter the Brethren who now contemplate the erection of cottages from continuing to raise funds for that purpose, but to await the time when building conditions are more favorable and sufficient funds available to complete the work, with the furnishings, ready for the reception of guests.

The State Highway Department is constructing a new State highway from Elizabethtown, and passing through the Homes' grounds, via the railroad station and power house, to the Bainbridge Road, and west on the Bainbridge Road, beyond our western boundary. This improvement will add materially to the beauty and accessibility of grounds and form a connecting link between the Lancaster and Harrisburg Turnpike at Elizabethtown and the road along the east bank of the Susquehanna River, at Bainbridge.

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The Committee expects to supplement this work this winter, by operating the stone crusher, and with the farm help macadamize as much of the farm dirt roads as possible.

NUMBER OF VISITORS REGISTERED.

During the year there were 22,740 visitors registered. Visitors came as Lodges, Clubs, Business Men's Associations, Communities and Individuals.

Nearly every Masonic Jurisdiction in the United States was represented; and visitors were present from Canada, England, Scotland, France, Mexico, Russia, China and South Africa.

The fame of the Homes seems to have reached the uttermost parts of the earth.

Number of Pennsylvania Lodges represented by visitors	307
Number of Lodges in Jurisdictions other than Pennsylvania represented by visitors.....	352
Number of pieces of mail received and forwarded from the Post-Office in Grand Lodge Hall.....	150,921
Number of automobiles which arrived at Grand Lodge Hall	6,356

LODGE VISITATIONS, NOVEMBER 15, 1916, to NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

Date 1916	Lodge	Place
Nov. 19	Christiana, No. 417.....	Christiana.
Nov. 30	Mount Lebanon, No. 226.....	Lebanon.
Dec. 15	Lodge, No. 682.....	Elizabethtown.
1917		
May 5	Wayne, No. 581.....	Wayne.
May 6	Prince Edwin, No. 486.....	Middletown.
May 13	William C. Hamilton, No. 500.....	Philadelphia.
May 19	Friendship, No. 400.....	Jenkintown.
May 20	Equity, No. 591.....	Philadelphia.
May 27	West Shore, No. 681.....	Camp Hill.
May 30	Potter, No. 441.....	Philadelphia.
June 3	Columbia, No. 91.....	Philadelphia.
June 10	Lodge, No. 43.....	Lancaster.
June 17	Lewistown, No. 203.....	Lewistown.

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Date	Lodge	Place	
1917			
July 11	Roxborough, No. 135.....	Philadelphia.	
July 14	Mozart, No. 436.....	Philadelphia.	
July 15	Chester, No. 236.....	Chester.	
July 15	Goddard, No. 383.....	Coatesville.	
July 22	Ephrata, No. 665.....	Ephrata.	
Aug. 12	Warren, No. 310.....	Collegeville.	
Sept. 1	Robert Burns, No. 464.....	Harrisburg.	
Sept. 9	Williamson, No. 307.....	Womelsdorf.	
Sept. 15	Wayne, No. 581.....	Wayne.	
Sept. 30	Perseverance, No. 21.....	Harrisburg.	
Oct. 28	Brownstone, No. 666.....	Hummelstown.	
Nov. 11	Chandler, No. 227.....	Reading.	
1917			Number in Party

OTHER VISITATIONS.

Feb. 8	HON. CHARLES FLETCHER JOHNSON, U. S. Senator, Past Grand Master of Maine; Brother BEN W. MURCH, Past Grand Master of District of Columbia; Brother ROBERT H. YOUNG, Past Master, Washington, D. C.; Brother ROE FULKERSON, Past Master, Washington, D. C.; Brother CARL H. CLAUDY, Past Master, Washington, D. C.....	5
Apr. 18	Brother LEE STEWART SMITH, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.....	6
Apr. 20	Young Women's Christian Association, Lancaster, Pa..	33
May 23	Freemasons of York, Pa., with their families and friends.	15
Jun. 20	Through the courtesy of Brother WILLIAM S. B. MCCAULEY, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, of Harrisburg, Pa., the following members of the Senate and House of Representatives visited the Homes: Hon. J. FRANK GROFF, a member of Lodge No. 244; Hon. HORACE ABRAM TOMPKINS, a member of Lodge No. 314; Hon. JOSEPH W. STEWART, a member of Lodge No. 615; Hon. GEORGE B. DRAKE, Hon. J. ADD. SPROWLS, a member of Lodge No. 625; Hon. WILLIAM MANNING RHODES, Hon. HARRY ZANDERS, a member of Lodge No. 247; Hon. GEORGE C. MCPEOKE.....	12
July 13	Business Men's Association of Mount Carmel, Pa.....	19
July 19	Official Board of Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., accompanied by their pastor, Rev. Brother HARRY NELSON BASSLER, a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464.....	21

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1917	OTHER VISITATIONS— <i>Continued.</i>	Number in Party
July 31	Farmers and their families from the vicinity of Winters- town, York County, Pa.....	25
Aug. 4	Excursion Party from Felton, York County, Pa.....	20
Aug. 8	Picnic Party from the vicinity of Red Lion, York County, Pa.	29
Aug. 25	Reunion of the Buch Family held in Mount Moriah Grove	150
Sept. 8	Managers of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, 3333 North Broad Street, and of the William L. Elkins Orphanage, Philadelphia	11
Sept. 26	Business Men's Association of Lebanon, Pa.....	35
Nov. 4	Lancaster Forest, No. 27, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, of Lan- caster, Pa.	160

On Sunday, November 11, 1917, the following Grand Lodge Officers of the State of New Jersey visited these Homes:

Brother WILLIAM M. THOMPSON, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Brother HERBERT C. RORICK, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

Brother WILLIAM L. DANIELS, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.

Brother COOPER H. PRECKITT, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.

Brother WILLIAM F. BURK, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

Brother ISAAC CHERRY, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

Brother JOHN H. WILKINS, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master.

Brother AUSTIN H. MCGREGOR, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master.

They were accompanied by:

Brother GEORGE A. ALLINSON, Past Master, Lodge No. 50.

Brother AMZI LAKE, a member of Lodge No. 20, and who is Superintendent of The Masonic Homes at Burlington, New Jersey.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY MEMORIAL BUILDING.

The ground for the Allegheny County Memorial Building was broken on July 11, 1916, and the corner-stone was laid on September 4, 1916.

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The progress of this building was somewhat hindered by the enormous advance in the cost of material and labor, and operations were, therefore, suspended for several months during the early part of 1917. During the month of July, 1917, operations were again resumed, and are progressing very satisfactorily at this time, the walls being built up to the third floor.

This building consists of a series of three buildings, joined by connecting corridors, and is practically fireproof. Each building is three stories high, while the connecting corridors, 10' 6" wide \times 22' long, are one story high.

The exterior of the group is of Holmesburg granite. The door and window trimming, quoins, sills, heads, belts and copings are of Bedford County, Indiana, limestone.

A stone arched covered porch, 22' wide \times 60' long, adjoins the central building. Also an open terrace 11' 6" wide \times 39' long, at each end of this porch, giving a floor area of 1863 square feet.

The basement of the center building contains janitor's quarters and toilets, 7' \times 30'; two lounging and smoking rooms, 23' \times 30', which connect with a central stair-case hall, 17' \times 30'. All are well ventilated, heated and lighted. The remainder of the basement can readily be arranged for any purpose desired.

The first, second and third floors of the north building have an area of 2415 square feet each. This space is sub-divided into rooms of an average area of 10' \times 14'. The first and second floors contain eight bedrooms and four bath-rooms each, and the third floor contains nine bedrooms and four bath-rooms.

The south building is a duplicate of the north building.

The center building is 96' 5½" long and 38' 2½" wide, with extensions of 33' 4½" long and 6' 6" wide, and 33' 4½" long and 5' 6" wide, giving a floor area of 3,579 square feet, which is sub-divided into rooms and corridors. On the first floor are two toilet rooms, 12' 3" \times 10' 6", with washstands, urinals, water-closets, slop-hoppers, and shower baths; two bedrooms, 16' 8" \times 10' 6"; two bedrooms, 14' 2" \times 11' 3"; and two bedrooms, 10' 2" \times 15' 8", all containing ample clothes-closets.

The social room at the entrance, 20' \times 24', is provided with an open fireplace, panelled, beamed and plastered ceiling.

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The corridors at each end of this social room join the connecting corridors and the corridors of the north and south buildings, making a continuous passageway, 217 feet in length. A series of glass panelled doors separates each compartment.

The second floor of the center building contains twelve bedrooms, of an average size of 11' 9" \times 14'. On this floor there are five bath-rooms, a 5' \times 6' corridor, and an 8' 8" \times 20' stair hall.

The third floor of the center building has the same floor area as the first and second floors, and is divided into twelve bedrooms, of an average size of 11' 9" \times 14' 3", and three toilets, fitted with shower baths, wash basins, water-closets and slop-hoppers.

The roof of the building will be covered with slate of graduated size and variegated in color.

The interior woodwork will be of white oak, floors of maple, with the exception of the toilets, which will have enamelled tile floors and bases.

Total number of bedrooms.....	80
“ “ “ bath and toilets.....	35
“ “ “ water-closets	41
“ “ “ wash basins	41
“ “ “ shower baths	20
“ “ “ bath-tubs	10
“ “ “ slop-hoppers	12

This building is the contribution of the Brethren of Allegheny County, Pa.

GROEZINGER MEMORIAL.

This building is 43 feet wide, 89 feet long and 14 feet high to the square. The exterior is built of Holmesburg granite, with a memorial tablet, quoins, door and window sills of Indiana limestone.

The roof is of steel truss construction and is covered with slate. Interior walls, plastered; floors of cement; ventilated by pivoted sash in monitor.

The building will be used as a laundry, which was made necessary by the large increase in the number of guests, and

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the present laundry building will be used as a blacksmith, machine and carpenter shop.

The Groezinger Memorial was built with the proceeds (\$10,500) of the sale of a property in Lancaster, Pa., which Brother GUSTAVUS GROEZINGER, late a member of Lodge No. 43, devised to these Homes.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY MEMORIAL.

The Cumberland Valley Memorial, 50' X 40', exterior of which is of Mountville rough texture brick, is a double farm dwelling of Colonial architecture, two and one-half stories high. Each house contains seven rooms and a bath, steam heat, electric lights, spring water and sewer connections.

This building is a contribution of the members of the Fraternity of the Third Masonic District, comprising Cumberland, Franklin and Fulton Counties.

NUMBER OF GUESTS ON ROLL.

Number of guests on roll November 15, 1916.....	285
Received from November 15, 1916, to November 15, 1917..	74

Total	359
During the year there passed away.....	14
During the year there were withdrawn*.....	30
	—— 44

Leaving total number of guests on roll November 15, 1917	315
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Of this number there are:

Married couples (25).....	50
Unaccompanied men	104

* Fifteen of the guests recovered their health and strength sufficiently to enable them to re-enter employment; five of the guests became infirm of mind, and were transferred to institutions which are provided with proper facilities for their care; three returned to their relatives, who became financially able to take care of them, and seven were returned to their respective Lodges on account of their unwillingness to comply with the rules of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

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Unaccompanied women:

Widows of Master Masons.....	58
Mothers of Master Masons.....	3
Adult sisters of Master Masons.....	17
Adult daughters of Master Masons.....	28
Wives of Master Masons.....	2
	—— 108
Boys	33
Girls	20

Total 315

Housed as follows:

Grand Lodge Hall	127
John Henry Daman Memorial.....	44
Paul L. Levis Memorial.....	30
Berks Home	28
Boys' Home	33
Girls' Home	22
Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.....	31

Total 315

Average age of guests, seventy-two years.

LODGES REPRESENTED BY GUESTS.

One hundred and sixty-three (163) Lodges are represented by guests in the Homes, as follows:

No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests	No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests
2	Philadelphia	2	67	Philadelphia	1
3	“	3	70	Athens	1
9	“	4	72	Philadelphia	2
19	“	3	81	“	1
21	Harrisburg	2	91	“	1
25	Bristol	2	106	Williamsport	1
43	Lancaster	5	114	Philadelphia	1
45	Pittsburgh	1	115	“	3
52	Philadelphia	2	121	“	2
59	“	1	126	“	3
60	Brownsville	1	130	“	2
61	Wilkes-Barre	1	135	“	5
62	Reading	1	143	Chambersburg	1

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No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests	No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests
144	Lewisburg	1	289	Philadelphia	2
152	Easton	3	292	"	3
155	Philadelphia	1	295	"	1
158	"	2	296	"	1
186	"	2	306	Troy	1
187	"	4	307	Womelsdorf	2
190	Norristown	3	309	Downingtown	1
194	Selinsgrove	2	317	Wellsboro	1
197	Carlisle	2	318	Pittsburgh	4
199	Lock Haven	1	321	"	2
211	Philadelphia	5	323	Scranton	1
216	Pottsville	1	325	Stroudsburg	1
219	Pittsburgh	4	326	Trexlerstown	1
220	Hollidaysburg	1	332	Plymouth	1
221	Pittsburgh	2	333	Allentown	1
224	Danville	1	334	Bradford	1
225	Greensburg	1	339	Scranton	3
226	Lebanon	1	340	Duffryn Mawr	1
227	Reading	9	343	Cochranville	3
229	Rochester	1	344	Milford	1
230	Philadelphia	5	346	Connellsville	2
233	Pittston	1	353	Oxford	1
234	Meadville	3	355	Blairsville	1
236	Chester	2	358	Somerset	1
238	Tamaqua	2	359	Philadelphia	1
244	Kittanning	1	360	Susquehanna	1
246	Philadelphia	7	366	Union City	1
248	Tunkhannock	3	367	Reading	2
254	Pottstown	3	369	Philadelphia	2
256	Milton	2	371	Thompstontown	2
262	Orrstown	1	380	Philadelphia	1
264	Columbus	1	386	"	1
267	Tremont	1	390	Pittsburgh	1
268	Bellefonte	3	393	Philadelphia	4
269	Pittsburgh	4	400	Jenkintown	1
271	Philadelphia	4	402	Philadelphia	4
272	Butler	1	406	Hamburg	1
273	Ardmore	2	415	Canton	1
274	Philadelphia	2	419	Philadelphia	3
276	Brookville	1	420	Conshohocken	2
278	Johnstown	1	424	Jamestown	1
281	Altoona	2	432	Philadelphia	2
286	Columbia	1	435	Reading	1
287	Pittsburgh	5	436	Philadelphia	1

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No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests	No. of Lodge	Location of Lodge	No. of Guests
438	Nicholson	3	527	Philadelphia	1
441	Philadelphia	2	529	"	1
442	Wilkes-Barre	1	530	Bellevue	2
444	Philadelphia	1	531	Dallas	1
451	York	1	532	Driftwood	1
453	Philadelphia	2	537	Centre Hall	2
456	"	1	540	Chicora	1
464	Harrisburg	4	543	Philadelphia	5
472	Uniondale	1	548	Verona	1
476	Lancaster	6	551	Mount Joy	1
477	Westfield	1	553	Spring City	1
481	Philadelphia	4	555	Duke Centre	1
482	"	3	569	Parkesburg	2
484	Pittsburgh	3	574	Coalport	2
486	Middletown	1	575	Mercer	1
487	Philadelphia	1	576	Pittsburgh	1
490	Altoona	3	585	Royersford	5
495	Renovo	1	587	Manheim	1
499	Pittston	1	609	Philadelphia	2
500	Philadelphia	2	610	"	1
508	Pittsburgh	2	638	Monessen	2
513	"	1	639	St. Mary's	2
515	Osceola Mills	2	641	McKeesport	1
516	Danville	1	660	Reading	1
519	Philadelphia	1	Total		315

COUNTIES REPRESENTED BY GUESTS.

On November 15, 1917, there were 315 guests on roll from fifty counties, as follows:

Allegheny	34	Clinton	2
Armstrong	1	Crawford	3
Beaver	1	Cumberland	2
Berks	17	Dauphin	7
Blair	6	Delaware	2
Bradford	3	Elk	2
Bucks	2	Erie	1
Butler	2	Fayette	3
Cambria	1	Franklin	2
Cameron	1	Indiana	1
Centre	5	Jefferson	1
Chester	10	Juniata	2
Clearfield	4	Lackawanna	4

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<i>Brought forward</i>	119	Philadelphia	121
Lancaster	13	Pike	1
Lebanon	1	Schuylkill	4
Lehigh	2	Snyder	2
Luzerne	6	Somerset	1
Lycoming	1	Susquehanna	2
McKean	2	Tioga	2
Mercer	2	Union	1
Monroe	1	Warren	1
Montgomery	16	Westmoreland	3
Montour	2	Wyoming	6
Northampton	3	York	1
Northumberland	2		
		Total	315

EDUCATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS.

Thirty-three boys and sixteen girls are in attendance regularly at the public schools in the borough of Elizabethtown, and their standing is evidenced by the annual average of 86.21 for the boys and 90.38 for the girls.

Parents and guardians express the greatest satisfaction of the care and attention given to the children.

During the summer months, when the boys are not in school, they voluntarily engage in outdoor work, in the gardens, orchards, nurseries, fields, shops, barns, etc., and, under competent management of instructors, are taught rudimentary agriculture, horticulture, gardening, fruit culture, etc., and in the country life of the open fields and woods.

The girls are taught to cook, bake, sew and to do general housework, such as keeping their rooms clean, dusting, etc.

They are also given instructions in music by a competent teacher, and many of them have progressed to such a degree that they are able to play in public.

In addition to the above, they have a flower garden of their own, in which they are taught the cultivation of flowers during the summer months.

PLAYGROUNDS AT BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOMES.

Modern equipped playgrounds, including Kelly-slides, seesaws, trapeze, giant strides, swings, May poles, tennis courts, etc., have been installed at the Boys' and Girls' Homes.

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PHILADELPHIA FREEMASONS' MEMORIAL, OCCUPIED DECEMBER 18, 1916.

By referring to the last Annual Report, you will notice that the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital was completed and ready for occupancy on October 14, 1916. Owing to a delay in the delivery of the furniture, the transfer of the guests from Grand Lodge Hall was not effected until Monday, December 18, 1916, on which date twenty-eight (28) guests were transferred.

The Hospital has a capacity of forty (40) beds, and about thirty-five (35) of these beds are occupied almost continuously.

The cases admitted to the Hospital are chronic and helpless; but it is not the intention of the Committee to admit guests afflicted with tuberculosis, cancer, insanity or epilepsy, owing to the lack of proper facilities for the care of these cases. Therefore, we shall expect the Medical Examiners to be more exacting in their investigations of these cases, in justice to the other guests of the Homes.

All ills incident to old age have been treated.

The report of the Homes physician shows that during the year he made 3564 repeated visits, treating in that time 633 separate cases, of which 257 were dismissed as cured, 129 improved, 236 unimproved and 11 died.

Ninety-eight of these cases were admitted and treated in the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

The thanks of the Committee are due and are hereby tendered to the following oculists and opticians from Philadelphia who visited these Homes during the year and examined the eyes and prescribed for 148 of our guests:

Oculists.

Dr. PAUL J. PONTIUS, Lodge No. 607.

Dr. MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE, Lodge No. 441.

Dr. PETER N. K. SCHWENK, Lodge No. 186.

Dr. WALTER LOWA, Lodge No. 450.

Dr. WILLIAM MCCOMBS, Lodge No. 386.

Dr. WILLIAM L. WEBER, Lodge No. 432.

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Opticians.

WILLIAM L. WALL, Lodge No. 610.

JOSEPH BEATTIE, Lodge No. 441.

FRANK E. BOWER, Lodge No. 610.

SURGEON AND DENTIST.

The thanks of the Committee are due and are hereby tendered to Brother ELLWOOD R. KIRBY, M.D., Lodge No. 441, of Philadelphia, for his service to the boys and girls, and to Brother WILLIAM WILDMAN, D.D.S., Lodge No. 59, of Philadelphia, for examining the teeth of our boys and girls and for suggesting an equipment for our Dental Department.

LIBRARY IN GRAND LODGE HALL.

The Library now contains 5636 volumes—all of which have been donated to the Homes; 679 have been contributed during the past year. Six hundred and forty-eight volumes are in the Branch Libraries of the Boys' and Girls' Homes. Preparation is being made to establish a Branch Library at the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.

A large number of newspapers and magazines are regularly received, and contribute very materially to the interest and patronage of the Reading Room.

The Circulating Library system adopted recently is freely patronized and greatly enjoyed by the guests.

FIRE AND LIABILITY INSURANCE.

The insurance now in force on stone and brick buildings on our property is as follows:

Grand Lodge Hall and contents.....	\$335,000
Daman Memorial and contents.....	33,500
Mount Moriah Rest House.....	600
Blair County Memorial.....	6,000
Pumping Station No. 1 and contents....	7,150
Sewage Disposal Plant and contents....	19,000

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Power Plant, Laundry and contents.....	\$58,000
Levis Memorial and contents.....	29,900
Berks Home and contents.....	22,600
Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial and contents	42,000
	————— \$553,750

The insurance now in force on other buildings, etc., is as follows:

Farm Buildings	\$52,235
Contents of Barns.....	24,179
Dairy Barn and contents.....	14,500
Furniture, Boys' Home.....	1,200
Furniture, Girls' Home.....	2,400
Groezinger Memorial	5,000
	————— \$99,514

The insurance now in force on boilers and liability is as follows:

Boilers	\$15,000
General liability with elevator.....	10,000
Auto truck	1,000
The State Workmen's Insurance Fund.*	

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, NO. 21, OF HARRISBURG, ENTERTAINS

MASTER MASON GUESTS OF THE HOMES.

Conspicuous among the events of the year at the Homes was the visit of Master Mason guests to Harrisburg, Pa., on the invitation of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21.

On May 24, 1917, all the men of the Homes, who were physically able to make the trip, to the number of sixty-seven, were conveyed in automobiles by members of the Lodge to Harrisburg; and after riding through its principal streets, including

* In addition to the above, we are also protected by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund to the extent of the Annual Pay Roll of all the employes of the Homes. Grand Lodge is also protected under Workmen's compensation, public and owners' contingent liabilities on all operations, including the Allegheny County Memorial, the Groezinger Memorial, and the Cumberland Valley Memorial Buildings.

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the famous Riverside Drive and parks, the party was returned to the Masonic Temple.

At 5.30 P.M. a splendid course dinner was served in the banquet room, and at 7 o'clock the Brethren had the privilege of attending the meeting of the Lodge, in order that they might witness the conferring of the degree of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

It was the second time that Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, extended this courtesy to the aged Brethren, who are living under the sheltering wing of a beneficent Fraternity, but who are shut out from life's activities and the pleasures and duties of their Lodges.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, NO. 21, OF HARRISBURG ENTERTAINS

WOMEN GUESTS OF THE HOMES.

On the afternoon of June 21, 1917, the members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, of Harrisburg, actuated by a truly Masonic spirit, again journeyed to the Homes in automobiles and gave to the women guests of the Homes who were physically able to enjoy the ride an automobile outing to Harrisburg.

The party numbered eighty-eight and were taken through the thriving and interesting towns of Middletown, Highspire and Steelton with their great industries, and in the enjoyment of the rural scenery which characterizes the route, especially when nature is clothed in her gorgeous summer garb.

The trip was broken by a stop at the Masonic Temple, in the spacious banquet hall of which were tables laden with provisions and luxuries of the season, provided for their entertainment, by the wives and other lady members of the families of the members of the Lodge, who were present to give them a cordial welcome.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE, NO. 464, OF HARRISBURG, ENTERTAINS OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

On Saturday, September 1, 1917, the first outing, of what is planned to be an annual one, for the boys and girls of the Homes, under the auspices of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, of Harrisburg, took place.

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The Committee of the Lodge, accompanied by their wives and friends, to the number of thirty, arrived at the Homes in automobiles about 12 o'clock.

After dinner had been served, the party repaired in their automobiles to the Homes of the boys and girls, where the start was made for Harrisburg.

The boys and girls, accompanied by the administrative staff of the Homes, numbering in all sixty-five, were shown around the city, given the opportunity to view the Capitol, and then conveyed over the beautiful Riverside Drive to Rockville, five miles above Harrisburg.

The party was then taken to Reservoir Park, where the "kiddies" played games, rode on the merry-go-round, slid on the sliding boards and see-sawed and partook of luncheon.

Brother CHARLES P. LUSK, Worshipful Master; Brother CHARLES C. SCHRIVER, Secretary, and Brother FRANK P. WICKERSHAM, Past Master, of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, spoke of the great pleasure it gave them to entertain the boys and girls of the Homes and gave them good advice as to their future.

A special trolley car conveyed the entire party to the Pennsylvania Railroad station, where the 7.20 P.M. train was taken for Elizabethtown.

It was a great day for the boys and girls and one that will long be remembered.

The Brethren who so kindly furnished automobiles for the outing were:

WILLIAM M. DONALDSON

F. E. FORNWALT

F. B. WICKERSHAM

WALTER DIETRICH

T. R. SHUMAN

DAVID SMITH

E. K. FRAZER

S. A. SHRICKENGAUST

A. M. MORRISON

S. P. EBY

B. E. WRIGHT

F. C. NEELEY

W. K. MEYERS

C. SNAVELY

DAVID WISE

B. F. OBER

GEORGE A. GORGAS

L. G. ORR

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RED CROSS.

A branch of the Red Cross, known as the Masonic Homes Auxiliary of the American Red Cross, was organized at the Homes on the 24th day of August, 1917.

The women guests are now busily employed "doing their bit" for the soldiers, and the following is a list of articles made since the organization of the Auxiliary:

13 comfort bags	6 pair hospital stockings
32 convalescent robes	4 hot water bottle covers
18 hospital shirts	30 wipes
12 pair pajamas	2 baby Belgium blankets
49 sweaters	1 afghan or comfort, consist-
24 mufflers	ing of 63 8" knitted
29 pair wristlets	squares
22 pair socks	10 joke books, made complete-
5 wash cloths	ly by us, for hospitals in
15 table cloths, 36 X 108	France
18 doz. napkins, 14 X 14	1 book of Masonic Home
6 $\frac{1}{4}$ doz. tray covers, 15 X 20	views

SOCIAL LIFE.

Daily life at the Homes has been interspersed with many forms of entertainment, which have greatly enhanced the pleasure and contentment of our guests.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

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- Nov. 21 Pennsylvania Railroad Glee Club, of Harrisburg, Pa.
Nov. 25 Illustrated lecture, "Colorado—The Switzerland of America,"
by Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE, a guest of the
Homes.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

1916

- Nov. 30 In accordance with the custom of previous years, the day was
appropriately observed.
In the morning Governor Brumbaugh's Thanksgiving Day
Proclamation was read to the guests on assembling in the
dining-room.

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- Nov. 30 Notwithstanding the high price of turkeys, a regulation New England Thanksgiving Day dinner was enjoyed by the guests.
- In the afternoon, religious services appropriate to the day were held by Rev. Herbert B. Pulsifer, Rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church of Marietta, Pa., and of St. Elizabeth's Mission of Elizabethtown.
- The evening of the day furnished an additional cause for thanksgiving, as it brought a large delegation from Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 226, of Lebanon, Pa., accompanied by numerous friends, who brought with them musical and literary talent of a very high order, and who furnished the guests an evening of rare enjoyment.
- Dec. 1 Minstrel show, by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, of Lancaster, Pa.
- Dec. 2 Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club. The boy and girl guests of the Homes contribute largely to the pleasure of these meetings.
- Dec. 15 Musical entertainment, by Lodge No. 682, of Elizabethtown, Pa.
- Dec. 16 Illustrated lecture, "The Yellowstone National Park," by Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUIZE.
- Dec. 19 Piano recital, by Miss Ardella Brandt, assisted by Miss Viola Withers, of Elizabethtown, Pa.

CHRISTMAS.

- Dec. 25 The increasing growth and development of the Homes each year finds added buildings for Christmas decorations, as it finds increased number of guests, young and old, to gratefully welcome the Christmas cheer. The decorations of the present year were, therefore, more extensive than in former years, for beside Grand Lodge Hall, it was necessary to decorate the John Henry Daman, the Paul L. Levis and the Berks Buildings, as well as the Boys' and Girls' Homes and the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital. To do this required the tying of 686 yards of greens and the making of numerous wreaths, all of which was done by the men guests of the Homes.
- The decorations of Grand Lodge Hall were artistic and beautiful, and were on a more elaborate scale than that of former years. Ropes of greens festooned the walls, wound spirally around the pillars, skirted the mantelpieces, and all the door frames of the corridors. Wreaths of greens occupied the side walls of the lobby, red and

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blue lights illuminated the loops of the festoons, and large red paper bells hung in the doorways.

Two enormous Christmas trees trimmed with beautiful tree ornaments, interspersed with many colored electric lights, stood within the grand lobby, flashing their Christmas greeting to all who entered the doorway—a gorgeous setting for the Christmas celebration.

The same study in green was to be seen at the Boys' and Girls' Homes, where also were to be seen Christmas trees similarly ornamented as those in Grand Lodge Hall.

The Christmas celebration was begun on Sunday afternoon, December 24, 1916, with a Christmas entertainment by the children guests of the Homes. At the close of the service, the forty-one boys and girls of the Homes recited in unison the Ten Commandments, the Twenty-third Psalm, the Lord's Prayer and Addison's Ode, all of which they had been requested to memorize by a Past Grand Master and a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and which they repeated in a perfect manner.

Brother HAROLD L. SKIRVING, a Past Master of Thomas R. Patton Lodge, No. 659, of Philadelphia, was introduced and spoke words of cheer to the guests, and especially the children, in whom he is manifesting a deep and practical interest. On behalf of the Lodge, one year ago, as a donation, he opened a small savings bank account for every boy and girl in the Homes. His visit this time was to add to these accounts and to open others for children admitted during the year, which highly commendable action he purposes to continue on each recurring Christmas Day.

At the close of the entertainment the children went to the Hospital, where they repeated a part of the program for the benefit of those whose physical misfortune deprived them of the pleasure of coming to Grand Lodge Hall.

At five o'clock on Christmas morning, Monday, December 25, 1916, the guests were awakened by the sweet strains of Christmas carols played on the clarinet by Brother JOHN W. COOKE, a guest of the Homes, and on the cornet by Mr. John Fisher, of Elizabethtown, and his sons, Masters Paul and Philip Fisher.

As the guests were gathered for breakfast they received Christmas greetings from Superintendent, Brother N. FRANKLIN HECKLER, on behalf of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

At 9.30 A.M. the guests were assembled to receive the gifts

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of good cheer left for them by Santa Claus, when it was discovered that not one of them had been forgotten. On three rows of tables, extending the entire length of the Assembly Room, were placed in separate collections the gifts for all the guests, which were alphabetically arranged with marked envelopes, containing money, boxes of cigars, pipes, a box of candy, apples, oranges, Christmas cards, wearing apparel, fruit baskets and various incidentals which had been requested by each one of the 296 guests on the roll.

In the presence of Santa Claus in full ceremonial regalia, personated by Brother LEWIS ALLEN, eighty-four years of age, and the eldest member of Dallas Lodge, No. 508, Pittsburgh, each guest was presented with his or her gifts by Superintendent, Brother N. FRANKLIN HECKLER, who separately addressed each guest with words of cheer and appreciation of the particular service rendered by him or her during the year, and extended the compliments of the season in the name of Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, Grand Master, and the members of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

In the morning mail a letter was received from Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES, extending to young and old the cordial greetings of Grand Lodge.

A telegram was also received from Past Master, Brother GEORGE W. MCCANDLESS, Mrs. George W. McCandless and Miss Anna Loomis McCandless, of Pittsburgh, Pa., wishing all a happy Christmas.

When the day's festivities were ended the guests held a meeting in the Assembly Room, where resolutions were passed, thanking the Committee on Masonic Homes, Superintendent Brother N. FRANKLIN HECKLER, and the members of the Fraternity all over the State, who contributed to the making of this beautiful and happy Christmas.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION.

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Dec. 30 Owing to the fact that the last day of 1916 came on Sunday it was determined to hold the celebration in the form of a reception and masquerade on Saturday evening, December 30, 1916.

With all the gorgeous Christmas decorations intact, Grand Lodge Hall was in gala array for the reception of its many friends, who came from far and near to lend their

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efforts that mirth and happiness might reign within its walls.

Every conceivable character of costumes was represented, including the richly handsome and picturesque, with many comic and grotesque impersonations. When all the costumes of many colors, with glistening tinsel and spangles, intermingled with the comical impersonations, moved and danced on the floor of the great dining-room, under the glare of many electric lights, the sight was truly kaleidoscopic and beautiful. Stimulated by the music of an excellent orchestra, the dancing was spirited and enjoyable.

The grand march took place at 10 o'clock. It was headed by a band of twenty lady guests of the Homes, whose heads, faces and bodies were enveloped in white. Their leader carried a white pennant, on which was inscribed "The White Company." The march extended the entire length of Grand Lodge Hall and back to the dining-room.

Unmasking was then in order, and refreshments were served, after which dancing was resumed, all being privileged to participate, and was enjoyed until the approach of midnight.

The large assemblage was composed of the representatives of so many localities as to make it unusual and interesting to note. The Pennsylvania cities and towns represented were Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Allentown, Chester, Elizabethtown, Mount Joy, Middletown, Bainbridge, Steelton, Columbia, Manheim, Lancaster, Annville, Landisville, Ephrata, Bird-in-Hand, Gardners, Rheems, Florin, Hershey, Aspinwall, Mechanicsburg, Mont Alto and Williamsport.

There were also representatives from the following cities and towns outside of the State: New York City, Boston, Mass.; Hartford, Conn.; Elgin, Ill.; Hampton, Va.; Strathmere, N. J., and Dolgeville, N. Y.

Among other distinguished visitors present were Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS and Mrs. Williams, Past Master Brother GEORGE W. McCANDLESS, Mrs. McCandless and Miss Anna Loomis McCandless; Past Master Brother ANDREW H. HERSHEY and Mrs. Hershey, and Past Master Brother HENRY C. SCHOCK and family.

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Jan. 5 Illustrated lecture, "California—The Land of the Sunset Sea," by Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE.

Jan. 6 Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club.

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- Jan. 12 A continuation of the illustrated lecture, "California—The Land of the Sunset Sea," given one week ago, by Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE.
- Feb. 3 Complimentary entertainment, by the guests, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of Brother N. FRANKLIN HECKLER, Superintendent of the Homes. There were vocal and instrumental music and select readings. The boy and girl guests of the Homes filled a large part of the program.
- Feb. 10 Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club.
- Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday. Brother WILLIAM H. EARNEST, Past Master of Brownstone Lodge, No. 666, made an address on the "Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln." At the close of the entertainment the Boy Scouts of Elizabethtown gave a demonstration of first aid to the injured.
- Feb. 16 Lecture on Abraham Lincoln, "From Log Cabin to the White House," by Hon. A. G. Seyfert, formerly U. S. Consul to Stratford, Ontario.
- Feb. 21 Lecture, "What is Wrong with Mexico?" by Signor Emeterio de la Garza. The speaker gave a highly interesting talk on the present situation in Mexico and was enthusiastically applauded. The entertainment was interspersed with music and singing of a patriotic character. Signor de la Garza was formerly a member of the Mexican House of Deputies and Secretary of State of Mexico.
- Feb. 22 Washington's Birthday. Grand Lodge Hall was handsomely decorated with bunting and a large picture of GEORGE WASHINGTON prominently displayed. In the evening the guests of the Homes assembled to enjoy an entertainment given in honor of the day by John H. Epler and friends from Elizabethtown.
- Feb. 23 Concert by the Girls' Glee Club of Albright College, of Myerstown, Pa.
- Mar. 3 Monthly meeting of the Wit and Humor Club.
- Mar. 9 Illustrated lecture, "The Grand Canyon," by Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON MASONIC HOMES.

After the conclusion of the above lecture, the Superintendent, Brother N. FRANKLIN HECKLER, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Homes," with lantern slides made from sixty (60) odd photographs of interesting points in the buildings and on the grounds, showing the development of the property from September 13, 1910, when the first spadeful of earth was turned for the water system, to date.

- Mar. 15 Concert by the Glee Club of Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster, Pa.

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Mar. 16 Entertainment by The Story Telling League, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Mar. 23 Old Fashioned Spelling Bee by the boys and girls of the Homes. This was a unique entertainment, being a revival of the pleasures of by-gone days. There were three classes, open to all. Prizes in gold and silver were given to the three successful contestants in each class. It was a source of pleasure to have among the prize winners three children guests of the Homes; they were Ruth L. Buttermore, Ellwood R. Schrank and Robert A. Patterson.

Apr. 7 Flag Day. In the evening the guests of the Homes assembled to do honor to the day. There was patriotic music of a high degree of excellence.

Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE, a veteran of the Civil War, and who spent eight months as a prisoner of war in Andersonville Prison, delivered a stirring and patriotic address, in which he took occasion to eulogize the flag.

Brother THOMAS MAGEE, a guest of the Homes, ninety-two years of age, who was in the Mexican War of 1846, under General Scott; was in every battle from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico, and who was also a lieutenant in the Civil War, related his experiences.

A duet for flute and piano was played by William McDonald and Stanley A. Kelly, two boy guests.

Apr. 13 Illustrated lecture, "Glacier National Park," by Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE.

Apr. 20 Lecture, "Home Life Before and During the War in France," by Miss Mary Lehmer, who for the past ten years has been living in France, near the famous battlefield of Verdun. The lecture was intensely interesting.

Miss Lehmer was accompanied by some friends, who rendered several vocal and instrumental selections, and by Miss Helen Etter, who whistled a number of selections.

The Homes are indebted to Miss Carrie Reinoehl, of Harrisburg, Pa., for the evening of pleasure.

May 4 Illustrated lecture, "From the Ice Palace of Montreal to the Cherry Blossom Gardens of Japan," by Brother WILLIAM J. FORDNEY, Past Master of Lodge No. 43, of Lancaster, Pa.

May 5 Illustrated lecture, "Poultry," by B. MONROE POSTEN, who has charge of the Homes' poultry plant. The lecture was extremely interesting, as a number of the pictures were scenes from our poultry plant.

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May 19 Entertainment, "Mirth, Magic and Mystery," by Brother AUGUST RAMSTEIN, a member of Lodge No. 59, of Philadelphia.

The Homes are indebted to Brother GEORGE F. KNIGHT, Secretary to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, for arranging this exceedingly enjoyable entertainment.

MEMORIAL DAY.

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May 30 At 9 A.M. the veteran soldiers of the Civil War, who are guests of the Homes, were conveyed to Mount Tunnel Cemetery, Elizabethtown, and joined with the members of John M. Good Post, No. 502, G. A. R., and General Nelson A. Miles Camp, No. 26, Sons of Veterans, in their Memorial Day service.

At 10.45 A.M. the veterans were conducted to the Masonic Homes' Cemetery, where they decorated the graves of their deceased comrades with flowers. They were joined by the Sons of Veterans and members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The ritual of the Sons of Veterans was observed. The poem, "The Bivouac of the Dead," was read; "America" was sung and three volleys were fired by a firing squad. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Brother HENRY F. HOOVER, of Lodge No. 486, Middletown, Pa.

At 2 P.M. the guests met in the Assembly Room, where, after listening to patriotic music and singing the "Battle Cry of Freedom," the Superintendent, Brother N. FRANKLIN HECKLER, introduced Brother WILLIAM DICK, Past Master of Lodge, No. 441, and Secretary of the Board of Public Education of Philadelphia, who delivered an eloquent address.

Brother EMILE V. RIVARD, Past Master and Secretary of Lodge No. 441, of Philadelphia, then addressed the guests of the Homes on the duty of observing Memorial Day.

Brother GEORGE R. WELCHANS, a guest of the Homes and a Past Master of Lodge No. 43, Lancaster, Pa., read "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address."

Brother PAUL L. LEVIS, of Lodge No. 487, of Philadelphia, and the donor of the Paul L. Levis Memorial Building, then addressed the guests and spoke of his experience in the Civil War.

After singing "The Star Spangled Banner," Superintendent, Brother N. FRANKLIN HECKLER, called the roll of the deceased guests of the Homes who served in the Civil War.

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As each name was called Dorothy C. Otto, one of the girl guests of the Homes, placed a small American flag on each vacant chair, to the number of eight.

June 1 Entertainment by the Glee Club of the Boys' High School, of Lancaster, Pa. This entertainment was of a high order of excellence and was heartily enjoyed.

July 3 Piano Recital by the children of the Homes who are receiving instructions on the piano. The principal object in holding the recital was to give the young folks an opportunity to display their progress in music and to encourage them in their work. The recital was a great success and was a source of much pleasure to the adult guests.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

1917

July 4 The appropriate celebration of Independence Day took place in the afternoon of the Fourth.

The decorations included a liberal display of our National emblem, with many beautiful flowers and the American Flag made entirely of flowers. This floral piece was the work of Mrs. Emma R. Shaffer, a guest of the Homes.

The address of T. Roberts Appel, Esq., of Lancaster, Pa., was able, instructive and patriotic.

The boys and girls of the Homes composing the choir of Grand Lodge Hall sang with much enthusiasm "America, Here's My Boy" and "How Betsy Made the Flag."

Miss Lillian Carpenter, assistant at the Girls' Home, sang "The Marseillaise Hymn."

Brother GEORGE R. WELCHANS, a guest of the Homes, read the Declaration of Independence.

The entertainment closed with the singing of "America," after which the Benediction was pronounced.

The program was well rendered and was appreciated, not only as a "safe and sane" celebration, but also for its excellence and inspiration to our boy and girl guests.

July 11 Entertainment under the auspices of Roxborough Lodge, No. 135, of Philadelphia.

The party motored to the Homes and at 2 o'clock gave an entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and monologues.

July 14 Entertainment under the auspices of Mozart Lodge, No. 436, of Philadelphia.

The party motored to the Homes from Philadelphia, arriving at 12.30, and were shown the points of interest on the

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property, and at 2.30 they gave a most delightful concert, consisting entirely of vocal music by a double male quartet.

- July 21 Band concert by the Boys' Band (40 pieces) of the Tressler Orphans' Home, of Loysville, Perry County, Pa. They gave us a concert of a high order of excellence, which was very much enjoyed. Brother CLAUDE M. STAUFFER, of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, of Carlisle, Pa., was the director.
- July 24 Lecture, "The Future of Europe," by Hon. Percy Alden, a member of the British Parliament and also one of the British Commission for the relief of the Belgians in Holland.
- Aug. 2 Poultrymen's Picnic, held in the Grove near the Poultry Plant on the Masonic Homes' grounds. Addresses were made by prominent speakers. Poultrymen from various parts of the State were present and inspected the poultry and poultry plant.
- Aug. 14 A meeting preliminary to forming an Auxiliary to the Lancaster Chapter of the American Red Cross was held this evening.
- The meeting was presided over by Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY, who introduced Mr. H. W. Hartman and Mr. J. T. Breneman, of Lancaster, both of whom are active in Red Cross work. They addressed the meeting, telling of the great need of the men now engaged in the great war, and also spoke of the methods of work done by the noble women of the Red Cross. The meeting adjourned, to meet at the call of the Superintendent.
- Aug. 15 Entertainment by the boys and girls of the Homes. The entertainment consisted of vocal and instrumental music and recitations. The girls of the Homes, who are receiving instructions in music, gave a number of selections. The boys of the Homes who are members of the Boy Scouts gave a demonstration of first aid to the injured, which was very creditable and was enthusiastically applauded. The entertainment was honored by the presence of the Committee on Masonic Homes.
- Aug. 16 Entertainment by the Yorkana Male Chorus, of Yorkana, Pa.
- Aug. 24 The organization of the Masonic Homes' Auxiliary of the Lancaster Chapter of the American Red Cross was effected this evening. There was much enthusiasm manifested by the ladies of the Homes—seventy-two of whom enrolled as members and pledged themselves to aid in the work.

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- Sept. 25 The fifty-three (53) boys and girls of the Homes were taken on an outing to the Lancaster County Fair, all of whom were under the care of Superintendent HECKLER.
- Sept. 28 Concert by Brother JOHN W. COOKE, clarinetist, and Mrs. Henrietta M. Van Horn, pianist.
- Oct. 28 Sacred Concert by the Iroquois Band, of Palmyra, Pa., under the auspices of Brownstone Lodge, No. 666, of Hummels-town, Pa.

HALLOWE'EN.

1917

- Nov. 1 The Hallowe'en party was given this year on the evening of November 1, 1917, on account of the meeting of the Committee on Masonic Homes being held on that night, and in order to give the members of the Committee an opportunity to enjoy the celebration and see the children at play.

Grand Lodge Hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion. Five large shocks of corn stood as sentinels across the eastern end of the Assembly Room, and between each shock appeared huge grinning pumpkin lanterns. Corn on the ear, owls and black cats hung on the walls; autumn leaves and flowers decorated the door and window frames and were artistically arranged on the walls; and pumpkin lanterns were displayed in many places. Many artistic and beautiful fancy dresses were in evidence, while the masks ranged from the hideously ugly to the truly grotesque.

The evening's entertainment was opened with a march by the boy and girl guests of the Homes—all of whom were masked; after which there were songs, recitations and various games for the children.

The grand march of masked and fancy dressed people took place at 9 o'clock; they marched through the parlors and corridors to the dining-room, where a bounteous Hallowe'en luncheon was served. After the lunch, dancing wound up the festivities, and the delights of an evening of fun and frolic were a memory.

- Nov. 4 Sacred Band Concert by the Tall Cedar Band, under the auspices of Lancaster Forest, No. 27, of Lancaster, Pa.
- Nov. 11 Entertainment by Miss Sarah Estelle Butler, soloist, of Harrisburg, Pa., under the auspices of Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, of Carlisle, Pa.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

Unusual interest attaches to the religious services conducted in Grand Lodge Hall every Sunday afternoon at 2.30 P.M., as evidenced by the large number in attendance. The average attendance for the year was 351.

	1916	Lodge No.	Location	Clergyman	Denomination
Nov.	19	417	Christiana	Rev. Brother JOSEPH L. GENSEMER	Methodist Episcopal
Nov.	26	21	Harrisburg	Brother LLEWELLYN IFOR EVANS (Song Service)	Presbyterian
Dec.	3	12	Milford, Delaware	Rev. Brother JOHN E. SMITH	Swedenborgian
Dec.	10	464	Harrisburg	Rev. Brother H. FRANK SCHLEGEL	United Brethren
Dec.	17	273	Ardmore	Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUIZE	Methodist Episcopal (Christmas Service)
Dec.	24	—	Boy and Girl Guests of Homes	Methodist Episcopal
Dec.	31	273	Ardmore	Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUIZE	Methodist Episcopal
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Jan.	7	9	Georgetown, Delaware	Rev. Brother H. EVERETT HALLMAN	Presbyterian
Jan.	14	629	Harrisburg	Rev. Brother LEWIS N. MANGES	Lutheran
Jan.	21	629	Harrisburg	Rev. Brother S. WINFIELD HERMAN	Lutheran
Jan.	28	464	Harrisburg	Rev. Brother J. BRADLEY MARKWARD	Lutheran
Feb.	4	287	Pittsburgh	Rev. Brother MARCELLUS D. LICHLITER	Methodist Episcopal
Feb.	11	106	Williamsport	Rev. Brother THOMAS S. WILCOX	Methodist Episcopal
Feb.	18	464	Harrisburg	Rev. Brother AMOS M. STAMETS	Lutheran
Feb.	25	465	New Oxford	Rev. Brother WILLIAM W. HARTMAN	Methodist Episcopal
Mar.	4	—	Harrisburg	Rev. Henry W. A. Hanson	Lutheran
Mar.	11	464	Harrisburg	Rev. Brother WILLIAM N. YATES	Church of God
Mar.	18	—	Middletown	Rev. Thomas C. McCarrell	Presbyterian
Mar.	25	59	Denton, Maryland	Rev. Brother HENRY C. HOLLOWAY	Lutheran
Apr.	1	287	Pittsburgh	Rev. Brother MARCELLUS D. LICHLITER	Methodist Episcopal

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Apr. 8	273	Ardmore	Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE	Methodist Episcopal
Apr. 15	19	Philadelphia	Brother MILTON B. MISHY (P. M. No. 19) (Song Service by P. R. R. Glee Club)	Presbyterian
Apr. 22	464	Harrisburg	Rev. Brother WALTER A. HARTZELL	Reformed
Apr. 29	12	Milford, Delaware	Rev. Brother JOHN E. SMITH	Swedenborgian
May 6	486	Middletown	Rev. Brother HENRY F. HOOVER	Church of God
May 13	500	Philadelphia	Rev. Brother LINN BOWMAN	Methodist Episcopal
May 20	273	Ardmore	Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE	Methodist Episcopal
May 27	681	Camp Hill	Rev. Brother S. B. BIDLOCK	Methodist Episcopal
June 3	273	Ardmore	Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE	Methodist Episcopal
June 10	43	Lancaster	Rev. Brother W. STEWART KRAMER	Reformed
June 17	629	Harrisburg	Rev. Brother S. WINFIELD HERMAN	Lutheran
June 24	106	Williamsport	Rev. Brother THOMAS S. WILCOX	Methodist Episcopal
July 1	496	Millersville	Brother H. FRANK ESHELMAN	Presbyterian
July 8	339	Seranton	Brother DAVID J. DAVIS	Welsh Baptist
July 15	629	Harrisburg	Brother JESSE E. B. CUNNINGHAM	Presbyterian
	91	Philadelphia	Brother J. WARNER HUTCHINS	{ Protestant Episcopal
July 22	665	Ephrata	Rev. Brother JOHN W. SMITH	Lutheran
July 29	—	Harrisburg	Stevens Memorial (Song Service)	Methodist Episcopal
Aug. 5	273	Ardmore	Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE	Methodist Episcopal
Aug. 12	310	Collegeville	Rev. Brother R. SYLVESTER SNYDER	{ Reformed
	673	Allentown	Rabbi THEODORE F. JOSEPH	{ Orthodox Hebrew
Aug. 19	—	Lancaster	Rev. P. George Sieger	Lutheran
Aug. 26	254	Pottstown	Rev. Brother SOLOMON N. DISSINGER	United Evangelical
Sept. 2	273	Ardmore	Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE	Methodist Episcopal

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Sept. 9	307	Womelsdorf	Rev. Brother DANIEL K. LOUDENSLAGER	Reformed
Sept. 16	302	Mechanicsburg	Rev. Brother EDWARD S. LEINBACH	
Sept. 23	—	Lancaster	Rev. Brother SAMUEL H. STEIN	
Sept. 30	21	Harrisburg	Rev. Dr. John C. Bowman	Protestant Episcopal
Oct. 7	273	Ardmore	Rt. Rev. Brother JAMES H. DARLINGTON	
Oct. 14	69	Vineland, New Jersey	Rev. Brother HENRY D. SPEAKMAN	Methodist Episcopal
Oct. 21	465	New Oxford	Rev. Brother DALLAS M. DE HUZE	
Oct. 28	666	Hummelstown	Rev. Brother HENRY THOMAS	Baptist
Nov. 4	27	Lancaster Forest	Rev. Brother GEORGE N. LAUFFER	Lutheran
Nov. 11	227	Reading	Rev. Brother JOHN H. C. MANIFOLD	Lutheran
			Rev. Brother MOSES H. JONES	United Brethren
			Rev. Brother HENRY Y. STONER	Reformed

DEPARTMENT OF FARMS.

FARMS—GENERAL.

Special efforts are being put forth to increase all hay and other forage crops for feed. The increased quantities of such crops will justify the keeping of more live stock, the manure of which will add to the fertility of the soil.

The vegetable garden, vineyard, orchards and shrubbery all require manure in addition to the farm.

Cover crops, such as cow peas and crimson clover, are interplanted and plowed under as fertilizer.

It is planned to follow a three-year rotation of crops, corn, wheat and clover, at Olewiler farm No. 6. The same rotation of crops has been followed at farm No. 10, near the dairy barn, and has proven successful in meeting the requirements for the needs of the dairy.

This three-year rotation at Olewiler farm No. 6 will produce such an increase in the crops of hay, straw and corn as will enable us to raise sufficient cattle to furnish the beef supply of the Homes.

A tract of nine (9) acres near the dairy barn has been set aside for the pasturage of the calves and the cows on test for the advanced registry.

The acreage and yield of the various crops for the past year was as follows:

Wheat	92 acres	1,859 bushels
Buckwheat	10 "	250* "
Potatoes	16 "	1,750 "
Mangels	2 "	600 "
Corn—silage	92 "	160 tons
" —(estimated), shelled		3,000 bushels
" —fodder		12,000 bundles
Mixed hay	125 "	119 tons
Alfalfa	58 "	124 "

* Estimated.

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The estimated acreage for the year 1918 is as follows:

Wheat	68	acres
Corn	87	"
Mixed hay	146	"
Oats	28	"
Potatoes	15	"
Alfalfa	63	"
Mangels	1	"

During the year 1917 the farm also produced seventy five (75) tons of straw, seven hundred (700) tons of manure, and twelve thousand (12,000) bundles of corn-fodder.

FARM—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Machinery and Equipment, Nov. 15, 1916. \$4,168.32

“ —Farm Crops, Nov. 15, 1916:

144	T.	Alfalfa	\$2,065.00	
82	"	Hay	1,041.00	
3,000	bus.	Corn	3,000.00	
1,100	"	Oats	585.00	
700	"	Potatoes	585.00	
400	"	Rye	440.00	
1,093	"	Wheat	671.64	
120	"	Buckwheat	144.00	
170	"	Soy beans	340.00	
				8,871.64

Machinery and equipment purchased..... \$1,098.52

Farm labor 5,861.26

Horse labor 3,229.61

Maintenance Farm equipment..... 834.49

Supplies purchased 2,308.57

Supplies received from the store-room,

Grand Lodge Hall:

Stationery	\$14.59
Cleaning supplies	3.75
Nails, staples, etc.....	3.72
Groceries (Salt)	4.80
Bees (Honey).....	.15

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Ice received from the Ice Plant.....	\$1.50	
Coal received from the Power Plant.....	141.66	
Electric current—Farmer's residence.....	18.00	
Milk furnished to farmers.....	8.40	
Orchard produce furnished to farmers....	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$13,535.02
		\$26,574.98

PRODUCTION.

Feed received from the Farm:

(Credited at market price at time of issue.)

Stable:

Corn	\$1,677.51	
Oats	388.46	
Hay	1,522.08	
Rye	41.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,629.05

Dairy:

Corn	\$517.04	
“ —Ensilage	800.00	
Oats	21.47	
Hay	141.68	
Alfalfa	1,003.40	
	<hr/>	2,483.59

Piggery:

Wheat	\$49.40	
Corn	1,231.26	
Rye	322.93	
	<hr/>	1,603.59

Poultry:

Wheat	\$108.75	
Corn	62.48	
Oats	3.00	
Buckwheat	43.58	
	<hr/>	217.81

Sheep:

Corn	\$117.83	
Oats	58.18	
Alfalfa	414.68	
	<hr/>	\$590.69

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Kitchen Cattle:

Corn	\$570.63	
Alfalfa	54.98	
Hay	9.00	
Soy beans	56.16	
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		\$690.77

Manure furnished to the following:

Landscape Gardener—19½ T...	\$58.50	
Vegetable " — 5 " ..	16.00	
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		74.50
Potatoes furnished to the Homes (510 bus.)	594.90	
" " " two dairymen (21 bus.)	21.00	
Potatoes furnished to gardener (5 bus.)..	5.00	
" sold for cash.....	20.00	
" —Garden supplies (seed) (7 bus.)	17.50	
Empty bags furnished to garden (52)....	1.35	
Nitrate of Soda furnished Landscape Gardener (½ T.)	42.00	
Rye sold for cash	102.68	
Buckwheat sold for cash.....	12.00	
Wheat sold for cash.....	2,723.76	
" straw furnished to gardener.....	7.75	
" " " " piggery	27.50	
" " " " Landscape gardener	5.50	
Feed furnished to carpenter's horse.....	49.28	
Manure (700 T.).....	1,400.00	
Straw (75 T.).....	825.00	
Cornfodder (12,000 bundles).....	240.00	
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		\$6,169.72

Inventory—Machinery and Equipment, Nov. 15, 1917 4,459.52

" —Farm Crops, Nov. 15, 1917:

105½ T. Alfalfa	\$1,899.00
91 " Hay	1,638.00
3,026 bus. Corn	4,552.00
200 " Buckwheat	300.00

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600	bus. Mangels	\$90.00	
400	“ Wheat	800.00	
			\$9,279.00
1,200	“ Potatoes	1,500.00	
			\$30,623.74

STABLES.

The seventeen (17) horses and twelve (12) mules in the stables are employed as follows:

For driving purposes: Superintendent, one (1) horse; Chief Engineer, one (1) horse; Head Farmer, one (1) horse; General Delivery, one (1) horse; Vegetables Garden, two (2) horses; Landscape Gardening, one (1) horse; Piggery and Poultry Plant, one (1) horse.

The remaining nine (9) horses are used for general farm purposes and orchard work.

Four (4) mules are used for drayage and improvement work and the remaining eight (8) are used for general farm purposes.

STABLE—EXPENSE.

Inventory—18 horses, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$3,100.00	
“ —12 mules, Nov. 15, 1916.....	2,775.00	
		\$5,875.00
“ —Wagons, carriages, Nov. 15, 1916.....	776.62	
“ —Harness, Nov. 15, 1916.....	762.07	
“ —Feed and supplies, Nov. 15, 1916.....	62.00	
Wagon purchased	\$60.00	
Feed and supplies purchased	1,013.08	
Feed and supplies received from the farm:		
Corn	\$1,677.51	
Oats	388.46	
Hay	1,522.08	
Rye	41.00	
		\$3,629.05
Stove received from the Poultry Plant....	5.00	

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Coal received from the Power Plant.....	\$23.77
Electric current received from Power Plant	190.00
Maintenance stables	731.78
	<hr/> \$5,652.68
	<hr/> \$13,128.37

CREDIT.

Horse sold for cash	\$140.00
Cash returned for horse hire	21.87
Horse labor:	
Administration—Superintendent's horse.	394.44
Power Plant—Engineer's horse, general labor	327.41
Farm—Head Farmer's horse, general farm labor	3,236.28
Kitchen Sundries—hauling coal to kitchens	90.63
Orchard supplies and produce.....	243.93
Vegetable garden supplies and produce..	216.20
General expense	394.36
Landscape gardening	335.92
Construction and repairs to buildings...	201.33
Piggery, supplies and produce.....	117.13
Poultry, " " "	167.00
Dairy, " " "	41.38
Kitchen Cattle, supplies and produce....	3.33
Vineyard, supplies and produce.....	24.21
Ice and Refrigeration, supplies and produce	21.22
Bees, supplies and produce.....	21.73
Sheep, supplies and produce.....	8.42
Disposal Plant, supplies and refuse.....	18.68
Maintenance grounds	143.23
Improvement grounds, clearing and fencing	140.35
Roads, footways and bridges.....	219.70
Laundry, supplies, etc.....	4.86

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Wood and lumber.....	\$51.21	
Water Plant	56.24	
Food Supplies12	
Stone Quarry	9.74	
	<hr/>	\$6,650.92
Inventory—17 horses, Nov. 15, 1917.....	\$2,770.00	
“ —12 mules, Nov. 15, 1917.....	2,750.00	
	<hr/>	5,520.00
“ —Wagons, carriages, Nov. 15, 1917.....	1,102.50	
“ —Harness, Nov. 15, 1917.....	742.30	
	<hr/>	\$14,015.72

DAIRY.

During the past year six (6) registered Ayrshire cows and seven (7) registered Ayrshire heifers were purchased.

These cows and heifers, when fresh, together with our original registered cows, are now on test for the advanced registry in their respective classes.

RECORD OF MILK PRODUCTION FROM COWS ON TEST FOR ADVANCED REGISTRY.

	Requirements for one (1) year	Time on test	Milk Production
Sterling Lady	8,500 lbs.	7 mo.	9,000 lbs.
Senior three (3) year old class:			
Leah B. Finlayston.....	6,500 “	9½ “	9,800 “
Finlayston's Belle Marietta.	6,500 “	11 “	10,300 “
Finlayston's Belle Myrtle..	6,500 “	8½ “	7,500 “
Leah Roy's Lady.....	6,500 “	11 “	9,300 “
Junior three (3) year old class:			
Finlayston's Belle Mamie..	6,200 “	12 “	9,500 “
Finlayston's Belle Daisy..	6,200 “	12 “	8,600 “
Two (2) year old class:			
Frisky Armoor, 3rd.....	6,000 “	6 “	4,800 “
Peggie of Sunnyside.....	6,000 “	6 “	4,900 “
Pamelia Ayr of Sunnyside,			
2nd	6,000 “	6 “	5,400 “
Pauline Ayr of Sunnyside,			
2nd	6,000 “	5 “	4,200 “

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During the year our herd produced 241,948 pounds of milk and 1,112 pounds of butter.

A valuable registered Ayrshire bull, Henderson White Cloud VI, was donated to our herd by Brother WILLIAM M. DONALDSON, Past Master of Lodge No. 464, of Harrisburg, Pa., and a member of the Committee on Masonic Homes.

DAIRY—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Live Stock, Nov. 15, 1916:

1	Registered Ayrshire bull	.....	\$1,000.00	
6	“ “ cows	.....	1,700.00	
1	“ “ bull calf	.....	100.00	
3	“ “ heifers	.....	600.00	
3	Eligible to register heifer calves	.....	300.00	
3	“ “ “ bull calves	.....	150.00	
				\$3,850.00

Grade Stock.

1	bull	.....	\$60.00	
28	cows	.....	2,240.00	
1	heifer	.....	100.00	
18	“ calves	.....	900.00	
1	bull calf	.....	15.00	
				3,315.00

Inventory—Feed and supplies, Nov. 15, 1916..... 1,159.00

“ —Machinery and equipment, Nov. 15, 1916 2,828.38

Machinery and equipment purchased..... \$4.00

Live stock purchased 2,035.00

Fee registering Ayrshire cattle..... 10.00

Feed and supplies purchased 2,069.06

Feed received from the farm:

Corn	.....	\$517.04	
“ —Ensilage	.....	800.00	
Oats	.....	21.47	
Hay	141.68	
Alfalfa	1,003.40	
			2,483.59

Coal received from the Power Plant 58.64

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Electric current received from the Power Plant	\$300.00	
Ice received from the Ice Plant.....	64.30	
Vegetables furnished to dairymen.....	1.37	
Potatoes furnished to dairymen.....	21.00	
Milk furnished to dairymen.....	28.81	
Orchard produce furnished to dairymen...	2.10	
		<hr/> \$7,077.87
Bran received from the Poultry Plant....	\$8.50	
Labor	2,141.04	
Horse labor	41.38	
Supplies received from the store-room, Grand Lodge Hall:		
Stationery	\$0.82	
Cleaning supplies	12.28	
Cheese cloth	1.65	
Groceries (Molasses)	2.07	
General expense .....	.82	
Laundry (Starch) .....	.07	
Nails, oil, etc.....	1.49	
		<hr/> 19.20
Maintenance Dairy Equipment.....	50.08	
		<hr/> 2,260.20
		<hr/> \$20,490.45

PRODUCTION.

Cash Sales—Dairy supplies	\$13.05
“ “ — “ produce	343.95
“ “ —Live stock	652.05
Dairy Cattle killed for beef.....	206.29
“ produce furnished to Homes:	
81,482 qts. milk	\$5,681.04
1,512 qts. buttermilk	24.14
1,112 lbs. butter	913.11
35 qts. cream	21.00
150 lbs. veal	22.40
	<hr/> 6,661.69

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Skimmed milk furnished to piggery (11,060 lbs.)	\$83.79
Milk furnished to dairymen	28.81
Milk furnished to farmers	8.40
	————— \$7,998.03

Inventory—Live Stock—Nov. 15, 1917:

3 Registered Ayrshire bulls	\$1,100.00
11 " " cows	3,000.00
7 " " heifers	1,225.00
2 Eligible to register bulls	270.00
4 " " " bull calves	190.00
3 " " " heifers	350.00
7 " " " heifer calves ...	500.00
	. ————— 6,635.00

Grade Stock.

1 bull	\$60.00
10 cows	1,080.00
18 heifers	1,060.00
3 heifer calves	87.00
	————— 2,287.00

Inventory—Feed and supplies, Nov. 15, 1917.....	1,548.60
" —Machinery and equipment, Nov. 15, 1917.	2,267.20
	————— \$20,735.83

During the past year it developed by investigation of a veterinary surgeon that some of our dairy cattle were suspected of having tuberculosis, and to relieve the herd of any possible danger the suspected cattle were disposed of and slaughtered, under Government inspection—the proceeds of which amounted to \$975, which relieves our herd of any possible danger from this source.

PIGGERY.

It is our intention to build up a herd of pure bred Berkshire stock.

PIGGERY—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Live Stock—Nov. 15, 1916:

2 Registered Berkshire boars	\$100.00
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2	Registered Berkshire sows	\$100.00	
12	Eligible to register Berkshire gilts. \	240.00	
3	" " " " boars .	45.00	
19	" " " " suck-		
	ling pigs	76.00	
		<hr/>	\$561.00

Grade Stock.

24	sows	\$960.00	
2	shoats	12.00	
113	suckling pigs	452.00	
86	fattening hogs	2,150.00	
		<hr/>	3,574.00
	Inventory—Feed and supplies—Nov. 15, 1916.....		150.00
	Labor	\$571.62	
	Horse labor	117.13	
	Feed and supplies purchased	3,073.44	

Feed received from the farm:

Wheat	\$49.40	
Corn	1,231.26	
Rye	322.93	
	<hr/>	1,603.59

Supplies received from the store-room,
Grand Lodge Hall:

Stationery	\$0.45	
Cleaning supplies	1.42	
	<hr/>	1.87

Milk received from the dairy (11,060 lbs.) .	83.79	
	<hr/>	5,451.44
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		\$9,736.44

PRODUCTION.

Cash sales—Live stock	\$768.47	
Pork sold for cash	417.00	
Pork furnished to the Homes (19,813 lbs.)	3,180.29	
Feed furnished to the Poultry Plant.....	18.54	
	<hr/>	4,384.30

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Inventory—Live stock—Nov. 15, 1917:

2	Registered Berkshire boars	\$100.00	
2	“ “ sows	100.00	
9	Eligible to register Berkshire sows..	315.00	
3	“ “ “ “ gilts .	75.00	
7	“ “ “ “ shoats. .	75.00	
24	“ “ “ “ suck-		
	ling pigs	144.00	
		<hr/>	\$809.00

Grade Stock.

16	sows	\$720.00	
68	shoats—fat hogs	1,700.00	
18	fat hogs	900.00	
76	suckling pigs	456.00	
		<hr/>	3,776.00

Inventory—Feed and supplies, Nov. 15, 1917..... 90.00

\$9,059.30

POULTRY.

During the past year twenty (20) S. C. imported cockerels of the Tom Baron strain White Leghorns were added to our flock. The addition of this new blood will be a valuable asset to our egg production.

POULTRY—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Live stock—Nov. 15, 1916:

63	Leghorn cockerels	\$189.00
876	“ hens	1,314.00
644	“ pullets	966.00
20	“ chicks	15.00
1	Buff Orpington cockerel	1.00
1	“ “ hen	1.00
5	“ “ pullets	2.50
35	Pigeons	17.50
3	Muscovy drakes	4.50
6	“ ducks	7.50

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1 Duckling	\$0.50	
6 Guineas	3.00	
3 Peacocks	45.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,566.50
Inventory—Feed and supplies—Nov. 15, 1916.....	7.30	
“ —Poultry equipment—Nov. 15, 1916.....	864.18	
Equipment purchased	\$60.07	
Live stock purchased	115.95	
Labor	1,268.87	
Horse labor	167.00	
Feed and supplies purchased.....	4,519.51	
Feed received from the farm:		
Wheat	\$108.75	
Corn	62.48	
Oats	3.00	
Buckwheat	43.58	
	<hr/>	217.81
Maintenance poultry equipment.....	79.38	
Coal received from the Power Plant.....	30.83	
Eggs furnished to the poultry man.....	9.82	
Supplies received from the store-room, Grand Lodge Hall:		
Cleaning supplies	\$2.93	
Stationery	5.89	
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Nails, staples, etc.....	2.23	
	<hr/>	11.15
	<hr/>	6,480.39
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		\$9,918.37

POULTRY—PRODUCTION.

Cash sales—Live stock	\$235.06
“ “ —Poultry equipment	38.00
“ “ — “ feed	40.41
“ “ — “ produce	1,181.17
Poultry produce furnished to the Homes:	
7,753 doz. eggs	\$3,001.08
382 lbs. chicken	101.42
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	\$3,102.50

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Stove furnished to Bee-house	\$6.50
“ “ “ stable	5.00
“ “ “ pump house	6.50
“ “ “ vegetable garden	6.50
Manure furnished to landscape gardener..	52.75
Bags furnished to vegetable gardener.....	.96
Eggs furnished to poultry man.....	9.82
Feed furnished to dairy.....	8.50
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	\$4,693.67

Inventory—Live stock—Nov. 15, 1917:

1,280 White Leghorn hens ...	\$1,200.00	
37 “ “ cocks .	55.50	
27 “ “ cockerels	54.00	
628 “ “ pullets	628.00	
50 “ “ cockerels	30.00	
4 Peacocks	60.00	
1 Peahen	12.00	
1 Silver Pheasant cock ..	15.00	
2 Silver Pheasant hens ..	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,074.50

Inventory—Feed and supplies—Nov. 15, 1917.....	504.95
“ —Produce in storage—Nov. 15, 1917....	733.59
“ —Poultry equipment—Nov. 15, 1917.....	1,010.99
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	\$9,017.70

SHEEP.

SHEEP—EXPENSE.

Inventory—63 ewes and lambs—Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$378.00	
Labor	\$95.65	
Horse labor	8.42	
Feed and supplies purchased.....	257.86	
Feed received from the farm:		
Alfalfa	\$414.68	
Corn	117.83	
Oats	58.18	
	<hr/>	590.69
		952.62
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		\$1,330.62

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PRODUCTION.

Cash sales—Wool, etc.....	\$216.25	
Mutton furnished to the Homes (1,146 lbs.)	235.15	
	<hr/>	\$451.40
Inventory—67 ewes and lambs—Nov. 15, 1917.....		746.00
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		\$1,197.40

KITCHEN CATTLE.

A number of bull calves in the dairy were steered and fattened for beef for use in the Homes. Seven (7) yearling calves, of beef type, were purchased on the market and fattened. These, including the calves taken from the dairy, supplied the Homes with 18,943 pounds of beef.

KITCHEN CATTLE—EXPENSE.

Inventory—22 steers—Nov. 15, 1916.....		\$760.00
Steers purchased	\$1,162.18	
Labor	62.52	
Horse labor	3.33	
Feed and supplies purchased	169.01	
Feed received from the farm:		
Corn	\$570.63	
Alfalfa	54.98	
Soy beans	56.16	
Hay	9.00	
	<hr/>	690.77
	<hr/>	2,087.81
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		\$2,847.81

PRODUCTION.

Cash sales—Hides	\$44.44	
Beef furnished to the Homes (18,943 lbs.)	2,025.83	
Inventory—26 steers—Nov. 15, 1917.....	1,124.18	
	<hr/>	3,194.45

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Fourteen (14) acres have been set aside for the purpose of a vegetable garden, five (5) acres of which are under irrigation.

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During the year the garden has supplied the Homes with vegetables to the extent shown on the following statement:

VEGETABLE GARDEN—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Machinery and equipment, Nov. 15, 1916	\$679.55
“ —Garden produce, Nov. 15, 1916.....	261.25
Stove received from the Poultry Plant....	\$6.50
Labor	1,448.65
Horse labor	216.20
Maintenance garden equipment.....	83.18
Supplies purchased	218.99
Coal received from the Power Plant.....	26.01
Wood furnished to the gardener.....	.60
Paper bags received from the vineyard (5,000)	7.50
Manure received from the farm.....	16.00
Potatoes received from the farm (seed)..	17.50
Supplies received from the store-room, Grand Lodge Hall:	
General expense	\$0.54
Stationery	1.14
Steamed bone	3.37
Cleaning supplies	1.57
Stone crocks .....	.20
	6.82
Bags received from the Poultry Plant....	.96
Bags received from the Farm.....	1.35
Wheat straw received from the Farm.....	7.75
	2,058.01
	\$2,998.81

PRODUCTION.

Cash Sales—Garden Produce....	\$235.42
Refund for garden labor	4.00
Produce supplied to the Homes:	
4,646 lbs. cabbage	\$123.00
1,412 stalks celery	62.20
190 gal. sauer kraut	65.55

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521½	bus.	beets	\$49.38	
1	"	shelled popcorn	.	4.00	
2	"	kohl-rabi	1.50	
130	"	lettuce	159.50	
5	"	turnips	.....	5.00	
56	"	potatoes	.....	77.75	
191	"	hull peas	.....	305.25	
11	"	sugar peas	.....	22.00	
15	"	spinach	.....	6.00	
1421½	"	beans	.....	199.70	
3411½	"	tomatoes	.....	348.12	
151¼	"	carrots	.....	16.75	
561½	"	lima beans	.....	91.30	
21	"	egg plants	.....	32.00	
4	"	onions	.....	5.50	
80	"	sweet potatoes	..	120.00	
10	"	peppers	.....	10.00	
51½	"	cauliflower	.....	18.50	
967	lbs.	soup beans	.....	132.84	
59	lbs.	parsley	.....	14.80	
1,017	bunches	asparagus	...	201.96	
21,500	stalks	rhubarb	.....	161.25	
955	doz.	corn	.....	128.02	
20	cantaloupes	.....		1.50	
22,100	radishes	.....		97.44	
17,100	cucumbers	.....		102.10	
253	pumpkins	.....		15.18	
14,250	scullions	.....		71.25	
					\$2,888.76
Vegetables furnished to dairymen.....					1.37
Inventory—Machinery and equipment, Nov. 15, 1917				459.84	
" —Supplies and produce, Nov. 15, 1917....				330.00	
					\$3,679.97

ORCHARDS.

There are ten (10) orchards on the Homes' grounds, consisting of eighty-three (83) acres, and containing 4,183 fruit trees, fifty per cent. of which are in bearing.

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TREE SCHEDULE.

Orchard No. 1:	Apples	Peach	Cherry	Pear	Quince	Apri- cot	Plum	Crab- apple	Total
Shissler Farm...	743	1,727	322	91	20	5	51	20	2,979
Orchard No. 2:									
Above Cemetery.	86	437	—	—	—	—	—	—	523
Orchard No. 3:									
Replanted Spring									
(1916)	407	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	407
(Shaffer Tract)									
Orchard No. 4:									
Adjoining B. Shaf-									
fer Barn No. 5	55	—	—	14	2	—	—	—	71
Orchard No. 5:									
Adjoining Horse									
Barn No. 11...	56	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	57
Orchard No. 6:									
Adjoining Barn									
No. 7.....	49	—	—	.5	—	—	—	—	54
Orchard No. 7:									
Adjoining Barn									
No. 34	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
Orchard No. 8:									
Adjoining House									
No. 21	29	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	45
Orchard No. 9:									
Adjoining House									
No. 18	10	—	3	1	—	—	—	1	15
Orchard No. 10:									
Adjoining House									
No. 12	8	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	14
	<u>1,461</u>	<u>2,164</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>4,183</u>

ORCHARDS—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Supplies and produce, Nov. 15, 1916....	\$264.00
Labor	\$1,343.11
Horse labor	243.93
Fertilizer received from the garden	23.00
Supplies purchased	441.22

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Supplies received from the store-room, Grand Lodge Hall:	
Stationery	\$0.39
	<hr/> \$2,051.65
	<hr/> \$2,315.65

PRODUCTION.

Cash Sales—Orchard produce	\$2,670.67
Produce furnished to the Homes:	
201½ bus. apples	\$235.22
96½ “ pears	124.30
1½ “ quinces	2.75
417 qts. cherries	40.56
979 baskets peaches	870.05
546 gal. cider	100.39
	<hr/> 1,373.27
Produce furnished to farmers.....	6.00
Peaches furnished to visitors	22.00
Peaches furnished to dairymen.....	2.10
	<hr/> \$4,074.04
Inventory—Supplies and produce—Nov. 15, 1917..	445.75
	<hr/> \$4,519.79

APIARY.

The apiary, started a year ago, at present consists of twenty-five (25) hives of bees, and we removed from them one hundred and forty-three (143) pounds of honey. Although the honey yield was not very large, we feel that the bees have been a valuable asset to the orchard and gardens in the cross-pollination of the fruit and vegetable blossoms.

APIARY—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Bees and equipment, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$288.67
“ —Honey, Nov. 15, 1916.....	25.95
Equipment purchased	\$106.50
Labor	76.62

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Horse labor (delivery)	\$21.73	
Stove received from the Poultry Plant....	6.50	
		\$211.35
		\$525.97

PRODUCTION.

Cash sales—Honey	\$1.62	
Honey supplied to the farm.....	.15	
Honey furnished to the Homes.....	21.45	
		23.22
Inventory—Bees and equipment, Nov. 15, 1917.....		503.50
		\$526.72

VINEYARD.

About five (5) acres have been set aside for the cultivation of grapes and bush fruits.

VINEYARD—EXPENSE.

Labor	\$407.76	
Horse labor	24.21	
Supplies purchased	8.05	
Supplies received from the store-room, Grand Lodge Hall:		
Ground bone	3.30	
		\$443.32

PRODUCTION.

Cash sales—Vineyard produce.....	\$52.37	
Produce furnished to the Homes:		
1,837 qts. Strawberries	\$183.70	
1,178 “ Blackberries	141.12	
610½ “ Raspberries	69.55	
839 lbs. Grapes	40.27	
		434.64
		\$487.01

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Inventory—Vineyard produce, Nov. 15, 1917:	
15 gals. grape vinegar	\$3.00
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	\$490.01

WOOD.

WOOD—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Wood, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$10.00
Labor	\$129.03
Horse labor	25.63
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	154.66
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	\$164.66

PRODUCTION.

Cash sales	\$45.58
Wood furnished to the vegetable gardener.60
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	\$46.18
Inventory—Wood, Nov. 15, 1917.....	50.00
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	\$96.18

LUMBER.

LUMBER—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Lumber, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$50.00
Labor	\$85.18
Horse labor	25.58
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	110.76
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	\$160.76

PRODUCTION.

Cash sales—Lumber	\$43.01
Sundry repairs to buildings	117.75
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	\$160.76

LANDSCAPE GARDENING.

The following permanent trees were planted during the past year :

1 Large Austrian Pine	63 Sugar Maples
2 22-ft. Arbor-Vitæ	33 White Birch
2 Himalaya Pines	13 Magnolia
1 Nobilis Fir	4 Beech
21 White Oaks	3 Colorado Blue Spruce
2 Poplar	2 Yellow Birch
10 Norway Maples	10 Laburnum

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10 Apple	10 Rhododendron
120 Althea	6 Mulberry
233 Jap. Barberry	1 Cherry
1000 Roses	1 Prostrate Juniper
100 Iris	7 Catalpa Bungeii
227 White Pine	60 Plums
6 Kentucky Coffee	1 Ash
28 Elm	200 California Privet
4 Pussy Willow	432 Norway Spruce
2 Oriental Plane	1800 Plants (various shrub- bery)
2 Pear	570 Peonies
8 Hemlock	

The following stock was planted temporarily:

- 200 European Larch—received from State and planted in nursery.
- 500 Scotch Pine—received from State and planted in nursery.
- 186 Evergreens—planted from greenhouse to nursery.
- 2746 Pansies—bedded on the grounds.
- 1000 Tulips—bedded on the grounds.
- 830 Geraniums—bedded on the grounds.

During the year a number of annual, perennial, and bulbous flowers were planted.

FARMS—RECAPITULATION.

	Expenses	Production	Gain	Operating Cost
Farm	\$26,574.98	\$30,623.74	\$4,048.76	—
Dairy	20,490.45	20,735.83	245.38	—
Piggery	9,736.44	9,059.30	—	\$677.14
Poultry	9,918.37	9,017.70	—	900.67
Sheep	1,330.62	1,197.00	—	133.62
Kitchen Cattle..	2,847.81	3,194.45	346.64	—
Vegetable Garden	2,998.81	3,679.97	681.16	—
Orchard	2,315.65	4,519.79	2,204.14	—
Apiary	525.97	526.72	.75	—
Vineyard	443.32	490.01	46.69	—
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	\$77,182.42	\$83,044.51	\$7,573.52	\$1,711.43

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

POWER PLANT—EXPENSE. .

Inventory—Supplies, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$744.85
“ —Electric lamps, Nov. 15, 1916.....	90.00
Labor	\$6,493.12
Horse labor	327.41
Supplies purchased	8,418.91
Supplies received from the store-room, Grand Lodge Hall:	
Stationery	\$2.86
Cleaning supplies	7.95
Toilet supplies	3.50
General expense .....	.07
Cheese cloth .....	.12
Nails, hooks, etc.....	4.25
	<hr/> 18.75
Ice received from the Ice Plant.....	16.88
Feed received from farm—Carpenter's horse	49.28
Maintenance machinery and equipment..	1,465.53
“ electric lamps	538.65
“ wires and poles	154.64
	<hr/> 17,483.17
	<hr/> \$18,318.02

CREDIT.

Cash—Electric current	\$230.51
Coal furnished to the following:	
Farm supplies	\$141.66
Vegetable garden	26.01
Dairy	58.64
Water Plant	22.21
Disposal Plant	10.63
Landscape Gardener	42.67
Stone quarry	69.13
Kitchens, Grand Lodge Hall, Boys' Home, Girls' Home...	1,290.92
Hospital	93.85

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Construction of buildings	\$21.55	
Poultry Plant	30.83	
Stable	23.77	
	<hr/>	\$1,831.87
Electric current furnished to the following:		
Farmer's residence	\$18.00	
Dairy	300.00	
Stable	190.00	
Water Plant	240.00	
Disposal Plant	60.00	
	<hr/>	808.00
Electric wire sold	3.98	
	<hr/>	\$2,874.36
Inventory—Supplies, Nov. 15, 1917	945.22	
“ —Electric lamps, Nov. 15, 1917	659.20	
“ —Wires and poles, Nov. 15, 1917	19.60	
	<hr/>	\$4,498.38
Cost of operating		\$13,819.64

LAUNDRY—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Supplies, Nov. 15, 1916		\$23.18
Labor	\$4,180.73	
Horse labor	4.86	
Supplies purchased	596.97	
Supplies received from the store-room, Grand Lodge Hall:		
Groceries (salt)	\$0.08	
Cheese cloth . . . . .	.20	
Cleaning supplies . . . . .	.91	
Stationery . . . . .	.67	
Turpentine . . . . .	.09	
Toilet supplies42	
Ice	2.00	
	<hr/>	4.37
Maintenance machinery and equipment..	85.29	
	<hr/>	4,872.22
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		\$4,895.40

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CREDIT.

Inventory—Supplies, Nov. 15, 1917.....	\$203.18
Cost of operating.....	\$4,692.22

DISPOSAL PLANT—EXPENSE.

Inventory—Supplies, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$80.00
Labor	\$309.70
Horse Labor	18.68
Coal received from the Power Plant.....	10.63
Electric current received from the Power Plant	60.00
Maintenance machinery and equipment..	14.48
	<u>413.49</u>
	\$493.49

CREDIT.

Inventory—Supplies, Nov. 15, 1917.....	47.50
Cost of operating.....	\$445.99
Thirty tons of residuum were utilized on the farms.	

WATER PLANT—EXPENSE.

Labor	\$288.30
Horse labor	56.24
Supplies purchased	41.31
Coal received from the Power Plant.....	22.21
Electric current received from the Power Plant	240.00
Maintenance Water Mains.....	346.16
“ “ Plant Machinery	224.66
“ Reservoirs	3.60
Cost of operating.....	<u>\$1,222.48</u>

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GARAGE—EXPENSE.

Labor	\$607.59	
Maintenance garage	494.36	
Garage supplies purchased	494.96	
		<hr/> \$1,596.91

CREDIT.

Gasoline sold for cash.....	\$3.28	
Inventory—Gasoline, Nov. 15, 1917.....	2.10	
		<hr/> 5.38

Cost of operating.....	\$1,591.53
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ICE AND REFRIGERATION—EXPENSE.

Labor	\$48.18	
Horse labor	21.22	
Supplies purchased	202.81	
Maintenance equipment	15.99	
		<hr/> \$288.20

PRODUCTION.

Ice sold for cash.....	\$39.53	
Supplies sold for cash (salt).....	33.00	
Ice furnished to the following:		
Kitchens, Grand Lodge Hall,		
Boys' Home, Girls' Home...	\$60.36	
Hospital	73.40	
Dairy	64.30	
Power Plant	16.88	
Farm	1.50	
Mount Moriah Rest House....	4.45	
Laundry	2.00	
		<hr/> 222.89
Salt transferred to groceries.....	64.00	
		<hr/> \$359.42
Gain		<hr/> \$71.22

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WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS.

Reconstructing spring water system, which consists of a reinforced concrete reservoir, covered with a six-inch reinforced concrete top; capacity 175,000 gallons.

A separate cast iron four-inch bell and spigot pipe, together with the necessary valves and by-passes, leads from this reservoir to the water line connecting Grand Lodge Hall and the entire village, a distance of fifteen hundred feet.

The spring water, which is pumped into the new reservoir, flowing by the new line is absolutely pure, being protected from the sunlight, preventing the formation of algæ. All the buildings are supplied with water direct from the springs.

The overflow from the new reservoir into the large reservoir supplies the Power House, Laundry, fire lines, condensers for refrigeration, irrigation system, and nearly all the stables on the grounds.

NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Building No. 5C—Shaffer property wood shed, 10' 5" \times 12' 4".

Olweiler House No. 6—New roof, new cornice, new chimney, new floor, new porch, painted inside and outside.

Building No. 11A—Gish property, wagon shed and implement barn, 17' 6" \times 113' 10". Partitioned off for installation of chopping mill and motor.

Building No. 11B—Gish property, corn crib, 30' \times 5' \times 10'.

Building No. 7A—Olweiler property, chicken and wood house, 10' 4" \times 22' 6'.

Building No. 7B—Olweiler property, corn crib, 20' \times 5' \times 10'.

Building No. 43C—At new dairy barn, bull pen, 12' \times 14'; concrete and cork floor, concrete manger and areaway; concrete liquor pit, 7' square \times 8' deep, with manhole. Drains manure pit adjoining.

Poultry Plant, No. 42—Gish property, enlarging twelve brooder houses from 8' \times 12' to 8' \times 16'. Three twenty-foot connections to three laying houses, making the building three hundred and eighty-three (383) feet long.

Removing poultry houses from the Shissler farm to the present poultry plant, and rebuilding same.

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Heisey House, No. 33—Remodeled and painted, weather-boarded, new roof, new sash and glazing, and plastered. House in first class condition.

Dairy Barn, No. 43—Installation of ventilators.

Construction of concrete pen and gutter at shoat pen, building No. 44A.

REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS.

House No. 25—Girls' Home—Repapered, repainted, removed partition, and enlarged playroom.

House No. 35—Boys' Home—Repainted interior, reconstructed dining-room by removing partition, papered, and rearranged electric lights.

Grand Lodge Hall—Refinished the floors throughout the entire building; new ceiling in ladies' sitting room; refinished outside doors; installation of six (6) ton ice plant; one (1) ice storage refrigerator; two (2) storage rooms for vegetables, canned goods and meats, and one (1) egg and lard box. Operated and run automatically.

House No. 42—Poultry Plant—Partition removed, making two (2) extra rooms; lathed and plastered; built new chimney; installed toilet and bath tub; changed heating system.

House No. 4, Shaffer House—New spouting, repapered throughout.

Barn No. 5, Shaffer Barn—Repaired roof; horse stable, walks and spouting.

Barn No. 31, Witmer Barn—Repaired roof and barn floor.

House No. 30, Witmer House—Repaired roof and installed sanitary commode.

House No. 28, Landis House—Repainted and repapered.

Barn No. 29, Landis Barn—Enlarged doorway and changed the horse stalls.

Building No. 40, Pumping Station No. 1—New sash glazing.

Building No. 43, new dairy barn—Replaced copper screens; repainted stanchions.

Piggery, Building No. 44—Reconstructed outside pens and doors.

House No. 10, Gish House—Repainted; new porch; installation of water.

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House No. 16, Hilt House—Installation of bath and lavatory; repapered and repainted.

House No. 12, Keenard House—Installation of bath and lavatory; repainted.

Forcing House No. 16A—New sash glazing; new stack on boiler.

Forcing House No. 19A—New sash glazing; new stack on boiler.

House No. 8, Shissler House—Repainted and repapered.

Barn No. 34, Heisey Barn—Repainted.

Poultry House, No. 34A, Heisey property—New roof.

Tobacco shed, No. 24B, Rutt property—Repaired roof.

House No. 20, Shank House—Repainted and repapered.

Daman Memorial—Refit doors and refinished woodwork.

Sewage Disposal Plant, Building No. 49—Rearranged system of disposing of sludge and water system for washing same.

Berks Home, No. 46—Repapered and changed electric wiring.

Reconstruction concrete pens, and built four new colony houses at piggery, Building No. 44.

STONE CRUSHER.

During the year fifteen hundred tons of stone were crushed, which were used for construction work on roads, footways, bridges and buildings.

ROADS, FOOTWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Resurfacing Hospital road, 1,500 feet, 14 feet wide. Six hundred feet was built of eight-inch Telford, three inches of one and one-half stone, and top dressed with two inches of one-inch stone.

Straightening road from dairy barn to Conoy Creek. Construction of bridge on road leading to Heisey House, No. 33.

Refinishing road from Horse Barn No. 11 to Piggery No. 44, 600 feet. Graded and built of eight-inch Telford, three inches of one and one-half inch stone, and top dressed with two inches of one-inch stone and screenings.

Dragging and repairing Lake road, Conoy Creek road, and Ridge road.

Concreting walks and entrances to Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial and Boys' Home.

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Constructing walks at Shaffer House, No. 4.

Concreting copings at head of retaining walls at lake No. 3, and buttresses at culverts along Garden road, and along road leading from Dairy Barn No. 43 to Horse Barn No. 11.

CULVERTS.

Reconstructing culvert on Garden road with two eighteen-inch terra cotta pipes, a distance of twenty-one feet.

SANITARY SEWERS.

Connecting the Berks Home and the Allegheny County Memorial to the main sewer system, a distance of four hundred and twenty feet, of extra heavy 6" cast iron pipe.

Olweiler House, No. 6—4" terra cotta line, a distance of sixty feet.

Witmer Barn, No. 31—4" terra cotta pipe, a distance of sixty feet.

STORM SEWERS.

On the Gish property, opposite Grand Lodge Spring, a distance of two hundred and twenty feet, of 24" terra cotta pipe.

Eighteen-inch culverts on West Service road, a distance of forty feet.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMES.

GRAND LODGE HALL FOOD SUPPLIES.

DR.

Inventory—Food supplies, Nov. 15, 1916:

Meats	\$199.08
Vegetables	69.78
Groceries	1,825.43
Sundries (milk, bread, etc.) ..	88.89
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	\$2,183.18

Food supplies purchased:

Meats	\$3,329.19
Vegetables	1,505.45
Groceries	5,201.41
Sundries	5,146.68
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	15,182.73

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Food supplies received from the farm:

Meats:

19,813	lbs. pork	\$3,180.29
20,157	" beef	2,232.12
1,146	" mutton	.....	235.15
382	" chicken	.....	101.42
150	" veal	.....	22.40
			<hr/> \$5,771.38
			<hr/> \$23,137.29

Vegetables:

4,646	lbs. cabbage	.....	\$123.00
1,412	stalks celery	....	62.20
190	gals. sauer kraut	.	65.55
52 1/2	bus. beets	.....	49.38
1	" shelled pop-		
	corn	.....	4.00
2	" kohl-rabi	....	1.50
130	" lettuce	.....	159.50
5	" turnips	.....	5.00
566	" potatoes	.....	672.65
191	" hull peas	....	305.25
11	" sugar peas	...	22.00
15	" spinach	.....	6.00
142 1/2	" beans	.....	199.70
341 1/2	" tomatoes	....	348.12
15 1/4	" carrots	.....	16.75
56 1/2	" lima beans	...	91.30
21	" egg plants	...	32.00
4	" onions	.....	5.50
80	" sweet potatoes.		120.00
10	" peppers	.....	10.00
5 1/2	" cauliflower	...	18.50
967	lb. soup beans	...	132.84
59	" parsley	.....	14.80
1,017	bunches asparagus	.	201.96
21,500	stalks rhubarb	161.25
955	doz. corn	128.02
20	cantaloupes	1.50

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22,100 radishes	\$97.44	
17,100 cucumbers	102.10	
253 pumpkins	15.18	
14,250 scullions	71.25	
	<hr/>	\$3,244.24

Orchard:

201½ bus. apples	\$235.22	
96½ " pears	124.30	
1½ " quinces	2.75	
417 qts. cherries	40.56	
979 bsk. peaches	870.05	
546 gals. cider	100.39	
	<hr/>	1,373.27

Apiary:

Bees (honey)	\$21.45	21.45
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Vineyard:

1,837 qts. strawberries .	\$183.70	
1,178 " blackberries ..	141.12	
610½ " raspberries ...	69.55	
839 lbs. grapes	40.27	
	<hr/>	434.64
	<hr/>	\$5,073.60

Sundries:

7,753 doz. eggs	\$3,001.08	
81,482 qts. milk	5,681.04	
1,512 qts. buttermilk	24.14	
1,112 lbs. butter	913.11	
35 qts. cream	21.00	
	<hr/>	9,640.37
	<hr/>	\$37,851.26

CR.

Meals paid (4,035)	\$3,227.74
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Food supplies sold for cash:

Meats	\$482.60	
Vegetables	16.74	
Groceries	6.14	
Sundries	6.79	
	<hr/>	512.27

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Food supplies furnished to following:

Meats:

Garage (tallow).....	\$2.80	
Vegetable garden (ground bone)	3.37	
Vineyard (ground bone)...	3.30	
	<hr/>	\$9.47

Groceries:

Laundry (salt)	\$0.08	
Dairy (molasses)	2.07	
Farm (salt)	4.80	
	<hr/>	6.95

Inventory—Food supplies, Nov. 15, 1917:

Meats	\$959.85	
Vegetables	107.22	
Groceries	2,583.25	
Sundries (milk, bread, etc.)..	51.82	
	<hr/>	3,702.14
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		\$7,458.57

Expense of food supplies.....\$30,392.69

KITCHEN—GRAND LODGE HALL, BOYS' HOME AND GIRLS' HOME.

DR.

Labor	\$4,294.23	
Horse labor (hauling coal).....	90.63	
Ice received from the Ice Plant.....	60.36	
Coal received from the Power Plant.....	1,290.92	
Sundries purchased	838.08	
	<hr/>	\$6,574.22

CR.

• Kitchen sundries sold for cash..... \$6.57

Kitchen sundries furnished to following:

Vegetable garden (crops)	\$0.20	
Hospital (glass jars).....	2.35	
	<hr/>	2.55

Inventory—Kitchen sundries, Nov. 15, 1917 372.62

381.74

Expense of kitchen..... \$6,192.48

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DINING-ROOM—GRAND LODGE HALL, BOYS' HOME AND GIRLS' HOME.

Dr.

Inventory—Dining-room sundries, Nov. 15, 1916	\$448.81	
Labor	1,434.37	
Sundries purchased (replacing china, linens, etc.).....	578.76	
	<hr/>	\$2,461.94

Cr.

Sundries sold for cash	\$0.60	
Inventory—Dining-room sundries, Nov. 15, 1917	698.98	
	<hr/>	699.58

Expense of dining-room..... \$1,762.36

DORMITORY—GRAND LODGE HALL, BOYS' HOME AND GIRLS' HOME.

Dr.

Inventory—Dormitory sundries, Nov. 15, 1916	\$570.50	
Labor	4,644.37	
Sundries purchased (replacing bed linens, etc.)	283.41	
	<hr/>	\$5,498.28

Cr.

Sundries sold for cash.....	\$6.00	
Sundries furnished to Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital	64.38	
Rent of sleeping rooms.....	278.50	
Inventory—Dormitory sundries, Nov. 15, 1917	560.80	
	<hr/>	909.68

Expense of dormitory..... \$4,588.60

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PHILADELPHIA FREEMASONS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

DR.

Labor	\$5,005.55	
Supplies purchased	516.24	
Coal received from the Power Plant.....	93.85	
Ice received from the Ice Plant.....	73.40	
Supplies received from the store-room, Grand Lodge Hall:		
Stationery	\$17.76	
Glass jars	2.35	
Twine, matches, etc.....	.32	
Laundry soaps .....	.40	
Orderly coats	8.56	
Mops70	
	<hr/>	30.09
		<hr/> \$5,719.13

CR.

Inventory—Supplies, Nov. 15, 1917.....	193.62	
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Expense of hospital (exclusive of food, clothing, heat, light and water).....	\$5,525.51	

GUESTS' CLOTHING.

DR.

Inventory—Clothing, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$234.67	
Clothing purchased	3,547.05	
	<hr/>	\$3,781.72

CR.

Cash returned for clothing.....	\$12.09	
Clothing furnished to the following:		
Dairy (cheese-cloth)	\$1.65	
Laundry (cheese-cloth) .....	.20	
Power Plant (cheese-cloth) ....	.12	
Hospital	8.56	
	<hr/>	10.53
Inventory—Clothing, Nov. 15, 1917.....	644.13	
	<hr/>	666.75

Expense account of clothing..... \$3,114.97

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

TRANSPORTATION.

DR.

Mileage	\$353.89
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CR.

Cash returned for mileage.....	84.44	
Transportation expense	<u> </u>	\$269.45

GUESTS' SUNDRIES.

DR.

Tobacco and sundry supplies purchased.....	\$944.38
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CR.

Cash returned for tobacco, etc	\$100.95	
Inventory—Tobacco, etc., Nov. 15, 1917..	143.72	
	<u> </u>	244.67
Expense of sundries		<u>\$699.71</u>

TELEPHONES.

DR.

Rental of phones.....	\$610.81
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CR.

Telephone calls paid by customers.....	\$40.86	
Expense of telephones.....		<u>\$569.95</u>

CLEANING SUPPLIES.

DR.

Inventory—Cleaning supplies, Nov. 15, 1916	\$40.65	
Supplies purchased	534.97	
	<u> </u>	\$575.62

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CR.

Supplies sold for cash.....	\$1.00	
Supplies furnished to the following:		
Garden	\$1.57	
Dairy	12.28	
Power Plant	7.95	
Laundry .....	.91	
Poultry Plant	2.93	
Farm	3.75	
Hospital	2.99	
Piggery	1.42	
	<u>33.80</u>	
Inventory—Cleaning supplies, Nov. 15, 1917	243.10	
	<u>\$277.90</u>	
Expense of cleaning supplies.....		\$297.72

TOILET SUPPLIES.

DR.

Inventory—Toilet supplies, Nov. 15, 1916.	\$174.35	
Supplies purchased	452.91	
	<u>\$627.26</u>	

CR.

Supplies furnished to the following:		
Power Plant	\$3.50	
Laundry .....	.42	
Hospital	3.57	
	<u>\$7.49</u>	
Inventory—Toilet supplies, Nov. 15, 1917.	149.72	
	<u>157.21</u>	
Expense of toilet supplies.....		\$470.05

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

PRINTING, POSTAGE AND STATIONERY.

DR.

Inventory, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$250.00	
Supplies purchased	1,361.71	
		<u>\$1,611.71</u>

CR.

Cash sales—Stationery	\$0.35	
Supplies furnished to the following:		
Power Plant	\$2.86	
Hospital	12.05	
Farm	14.59	
Laundry .....	.62	
Dairy .....	.82	
Poultry Plant	5.89	
Garden	1.14	
Piggery .....	.45	
		<u>38.42</u>
Inventory, Nov. 15, 1917.....	453.58	
		<u>492.35</u>
Expense of printing, postage and stationery.....	\$1,119.36	

POST CARDS.

DR.

Inventory—Post cards, Nov. 15, 1916.....	\$80.00	
Post cards and photos purchased.....	1,340.92	
		<u>\$1,420.92</u>

CR.

Cash sales—Post cards and photos.....	\$400.07	
Inventory—Post cards, Nov. 15, 1917....	1,129.97	
		<u>1,530.04</u>
Gain	\$109.12	
General expense	\$2,493.47	

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PER CAPITA FOR MAINTAINING GUESTS

NOVEMBER 15, 1916, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

Administration—Salary of superintendent, bookkeeper, assistant bookkeeper, stenographer, matrons at Boys' Home, Girls' Home and Grand Lodge Hall, storekeeper and watchmen	\$9,547.71
Education—Tuition	1,033.00
“ —Supplies	68.86
Entertainment	143.54
Burial of guests.....	79.97
Insurance—Fire	1,354.34
“ —Guests	29.75
“ —F. J. Gottshall	56.36
Taxes—County, borough, state.....	882.81
Horse labor (Superintendent's horse)....	394.44
	—————\$13,590.78
Clothing	3,114.97
Transportation	269.45
Guests' sundries	699.71
Telephones	569.95
Cleaning supplies	297.72
Toilet supplies	470.05
Food supplies	30,392.69
Kitchen—Grand Lodge Hall, Boys' Home and Girls' Home	6,192.48
Dining-room—Grand Lodge Hall, Boys' Home and Girls' Home	1,762.36
Dormitory—Grand Lodge Hall, Boys' Home and Girls' Home	4,588.60
Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital.....	5,525.51
General expense	2,493.47
Power Plant	13,819.64
Laundry	4,692.22
	—————\$88,479.60

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

November 15, 1916, to November 15, 1917, 365 days:

Average number of guests, November 15, 1916, to November 15, 1917.....	309
Cost per day per capita	\$0.78
Cost per week per capita.....	\$5.46
Cost per year per capita.....	\$283.92

During the year 370,300 meals were served to guests and visitors, and 278 lodgers were entertained.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES CANNED AND PRESERVED IN KITCHEN OF GRAND LODGE HALL TO NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

Apple sauce	80	quarts
Red beets	22	"
Beans (string)	1,085	"
Cherries:		
Sweet	195	
Sour	67	
	—	262
Canned apples	10	gals.
Blackberries	325	quarts
Pickles (sour)	401	"
Rhubarb	718	"
Peas (sugar and hull).....	834	"
Raspberries	157	"
Pears	493	"
Cauliflower	10	"
Peppers	27	"
Tomatoes	2,583	"
Peaches	2,665	"
Quinces	13	"
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Total	9,685	"

PRESERVES.

Apple jelly	12½	quarts
Blackberry jelly	26	"
Raspberry jelly	2½	"

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Cherry preserves	3	quarts
Strawberry preserves	213	"
Peach preserves	226½	"
Quince preserves	11	"
Pear preserves	8	"
Grape jelly	31½	"
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Total	506	"

BUTTER.

Peach	84	gals.
Pear	16	"
Grape	15	"
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Total	115	"

Salted string beans	2½	bbls.
Salted pickles	3	"
Dried string beans	1½	bus.
Dried peas	½	bu.
Dried corn	2	bus.
Catsup	54	quarts

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash balance Nov. 16, 1916.....	\$2,699.60
Received from Grand Treasurer for main- tenance	\$130,500.00
Received from Grand Treasurer for capi- tal account	31,491.61
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	161,991.61
Received from farm sales and mainte- nance sundries	\$14,917.57
Received from sales capital account....	2,211.16
Received from Grand Treasurer, paid in error	10.00
Received from donations.....	1,257.75
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	18,396.48
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	\$183,087.69

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

Paid Grand Secretary for farm sales and maintenance	\$14,917.57	
Paid Grand Secretary for sales capital account	2,211.16	
Paid Grand Secretary (in error)	10.00	
Paid Grand Secretary for donations	1,257.75	
	<hr/>	\$18,396.48
Paid for capital account bills	\$31,491.61	
Paid for maintenance bills	126,446.07	
	<hr/>	157,937.68
Paid on new buildings to be reimbursed	75.45	
Cash balance on hand Nov. 15, 1917	6,678.08	
	<hr/>	\$183,087.69
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BUDGET 1918—ESTIMATED EXPENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1918.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMES.

Administration—Salaries and wages Grand Lodge Hall, superintendent, bookkeeper, office assistant, stenographer, storekeeper, matron, Grand Lodge Hall	\$9,900.00
Guests :	
Burial	\$900.00
Clothing	6,500.00
Entertainment	150.00
Sundries, which includes tobacco	1,000.00
Education—Tuition	600.00
Educational supplies	50.00
Insurance—Life	75.00
Reading matter	50.00
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	9,325.00
Transportation	400.00
Insurance—Fire and liability (yearly for the five years)	1,687.00
Taxes—County, borough, school, etc.	1,100.00

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Telephones	\$650.00	
General Committee expense	300.00	
Legal expense	25.00	
Printing, postage and stationery	1,500.00	
Cleaning supplies	1,311.50	
Toilet supplies	675.00	
Food supplies:		
Groceries	6,828.00	
Vegetables	250.00	
Sundries	7,500.00	
Meats (beef included in Farmer's Budget for 50 feeding cattle)	2,350.00	
Boys' Home:		
Matron	\$600.00	
Cook	420.00	
Disciplinarian	600.00	
	<hr/>	1,620.00.
Girls' Home:		
Matron	\$600.00	
Cook	420.00	
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Dormitories:		
Labor	\$5,460.00	
Sundries	500.00	
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Kitchen:		
Labor	\$3,331.50	
Sundries	200.00	
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Dining-room:		
Labor	\$2,131.25	
Sundries (replacing table linens, china, etc.)	900.00	
	<hr/>	3,031.25

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

Hospital:

Labor	\$5,168.00	
Supplies	1,000.00	
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		\$6,168.00
Typewriter		45.00
One refrigerator—Boys' Home		190.00
One refrigerator—Girls' Home		190.00
Contingencies		3,334.38
Accounts payable November 15, 1916, and paid out of 1917 appropriation		1,402.15
Wages due November 15, 1916, and paid out of 1917 appropriation		2,952.22
Estimated accounts payable November 15, 1917, to be paid out of 1918 appropriation		1,500.00
Estimated labor due November 15, 1917, to be paid out of 1918 appropriation		2,900.00
Repairs—Girls' Home		600.00
Repairs—Boys' Home		400.00
Repairs—Grand Lodge Hall		500.00
Repairs—Berks Home		200.00
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		\$79,326.50

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING.

Power Plant, general:

Wages	\$8,000.00	
Coal, oils, grease, etc.....	11,350.00	
Repairs to machinery	600.00	
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		\$19,950.00

Water System:

Labor	\$300.00	
Maintenance water mains	350.00	
Maintenance reservoirs and dams.....	200.00	
Maintenance water plant machinery....	200.00	
Sundry supplies	150.00	
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		1,200.00

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Disposal Plant:

Labor	\$270.00	
Sundry supplies	75.00	
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		\$345.00

Saw Mill:

Labor		270.00
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Electric Plant:

Maintenance electric lamps.....	\$500.00	
Maintenance wires and poles.....	150.00	
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		650.00

Laundry:

Labor	\$5,200.00	
Laundry supplies	579.00	
Maintenance machinery	200.00	
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		5,979.00

New laundry building equipment:

Machinery	\$2,927.00	
Plumbing	1,500.00	
Heating	500.00	
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		4,927.00

Garage:

Labor	\$600.00	
Maintenance trucks	500.00	
Sundry supplies	450.00	
New truck	1,000.00	
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		2,550.00

Maintenance buildings, furniture and fixtures..... 2,500.00

Underground passage-way from Allegheny County

Memorial to Berks Home..... 800.00

Machine shop equipment 2,000.00

Roads and foot-paths:

Operating stone crusher; macadamizing and building road from Dairy Barn to Boundary road; east service road and Allegheny road; resurfacing boulevard from main entrance to Bainbridge road; resurfacing road from Ridge road to the cemetery; repairing Dairy lane, Ridge road, Lake road and Bunyan Schaeffer lane; grading at Hospital and Cumberland Valley Memorial..... 6,000.00

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Walks and roadway around new laundry building ..	\$200.00
Connecting Allegheny County Memorial with heat, light and power.....	4,000.00
Electric connections to Cumberland Valley Memorial, sanitary sewer connections to Cumberland Valley Memorial and Buildings No. 12 and No. 16....	2,000.00
Three (3) men, eight hours per day for maintenance, Grand Lodge Hall	2,040.00
Twenty-two (22) lockers at Boys' Home.....	88.00
Building wall in front of Olweiler Barn in line with the Bainbridge road, and grading	200.00
Contingencies	1,500.00
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	\$57,199.00

DEPARTMENT OF FARMS.

Farms General:

New machinery	\$1,296.75
Salary of head farmer and farm labor..	10,560.00
Farm supplies	1,073.00
Maintenance farm equipment	700.00
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	\$13,629.75

Horse Stables:

Labor	\$600.00
Supplies and feed	750.00
Maintenance	775.00
Horses (exchanging 2 mules for 3 horses)	200.00
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	2,325.00

Piggery:

Labor	\$900.00
Feed, etc.	2,250.00
Feed truck	25.00
Breeding crate	25.00
Five registered Berkshire gilts.....	500.00
Fencing pasture lots	200.00
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	3,900.00

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Kitchen Cattle:

Labor	\$100.00	
Feed, etc.	350.00	
Fifty head for fattening 1918, for supplying Homes with beef	2,900.00	
		<hr/> \$3,350.00

Dairy:

Labor	\$2,220.00	
Feed, etc.	2,800.00	
Maintenance equipment	40.00	
Dairy cattle (3 registered Ayrshire heifers)	450.00	
		<hr/> 5,510.00

Vegetable Garden:

Labor	\$1,320.00	
Supplies	319.00	
Maintenance equipment	85.00	
New equipment	82.50	
		<hr/> 1,806.50

Orchard:

Labor	\$2,100.00	
Supplies (young orchards are included)	398.50	
		<hr/> 2,498.50

Poultry Plant:

Labor	\$1,200.00	
Feed, etc.	3,500.00	
Maintenance equipment	75.00	
		<hr/> 4,775.00

Vineyard:

Labor and supplies	350.00	
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Bees:

Labor	\$25.00	
Supplies	10.00	
		<hr/> 35.00

Landscape gardening	7,500.00
Improvement grounds, clearing and fencing.....	1,000.00
Construction of silo	400.00
Contingencies	2,000.00

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, 1917.

Removing old fence around Donaldson Woods and erecting a fence like that which is now along the western boundary road (concrete posts, 1¼" pipe, two (2) pipe high) for a distance of 1,200 feet, including charge for surveying	\$550.00
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	\$49,629.75

RECAPITULATION.

Department of Homes	\$80,098.25
Department of Engineering	57,272.00
Department of Farms	49,629.75
Emergency Fund	3,000.00
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	\$190,000.00

The above estimate contains items amounting to \$23,850, properly chargeable to capital account, for necessary new work during the year.

DONATIONS.

The interest of the Homes, to some extent, is indicated by the generosity of a great many of the members of the Fraternity throughout the State.

Notably, Brother JOHN D. DAVIES, a member of Lodge No. 291, of Scranton, Pa., presented a self-player piano, the case of which was finished to correspond with the wainscoating of the dining-room; he also presented 100 rolls of music. This piano fills a very important part of our social life, and furnishes pleasure to the guests of the Homes three times a day, as they march into the dining-room.

We also have pleasure in reporting the donation of a piano from the members of Milton Lodge, No. 256, of Milton, Pa., which was placed in the Boys' Home, where it is being used to good advantage. This piano is used for rehearsals of various kinds, choir practice and by those boys who are taking music lessons.

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DONATIONS TO THE MASONIC HOMES, ELIZABETHTOWN, PA

NOVEMBER 15, 1916, TO NOVEMBER 15, 1917.

Name of Donor		Article
Lodge No.		
19, Philadelphia	....	1 pair gloves. 1 box candy.
"	" 43, Lancaster	..... Cash, \$30.
"	" 155, Philadelphia	.... 288 packages tobacco; 144 cob pipes; 144 boxes matches; 180 one-pound boxes candy.
"	" 156, New Providence..	Cash, \$5.
"	" 222, Minersville	..... Cash, \$10.
"	" 246, Philadelphia	.... 9 boxes candy.
"	" 256, Milton	..... 1 new upright piano.
"	" 269, Pittsburgh	..... Cash, \$40.
"	" 286, Columbia	..... Cash, \$5.
"	" 300, Huntingdon	.... Cash, \$73.70; 20 novelty fish for aquarium; 100 Merry Christmas stamps; 2 plans and spheres for the Boys' and Girls' Homes; 2 books for the library; 1 year's subscription to Collier's Maga- zine; 1 year's subscription to Metropolitan Magazine; 1 copy of Collier's War Book; 1 type- writer; 1 souvenir vase; 1,000 gladiolus bulbs (value \$10); 2 Bell metronomes for the Boys' and Girls' Homes; 1 garden mir- ror globe; 11 prize books for the children; 1 bushel Tribid shelled corn (value \$5); seeds and plants (value \$10.42).
"	" 398, Marietta	..... Cash, \$5.
"	" 476, Lancaster	..... Cash, \$25.
"	" 481, Philadelphia	.... 40 boxes of candy.
"	" 551, Mount Joy	..... Cash, \$20.
"	" 581, Wayne	..... Cash, \$5.
"	" 591, Philadelphia	.... 1 silk American flag.
"	" 659, Philadelphia	.... Cash, \$44.
"	" 679, Pittsburgh	..... Cash, \$50.
Calvary Church Sisterhood, Pitts-	burgh	..... 15 dolls for the girls
Capital City Chapter No. 146, O.	E. S., Harrisburg Cash, \$10.
Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Pitts-	burgh Cash, \$1,000.

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Name of Donor	Article
Ladies' Auxiliary, Allegheny Commandery No. 35, K. T., Pittsburgh	Cash, \$25.
Ladies' Auxiliary, De Molay Commandery No. 9, K. T., Reading.	Cash, \$5.
Ladies' Auxiliary, Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., Lancaster	44 boxes candy; 16 baskets fruit, etc.
Ladies' Auxiliary, Oriental Commandery No. 61, K. T., Johnstown, Pa.	1 quilt.
Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14° A. A. S. R., Lancaster	Cash, \$5.
Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Pittsburgh	Cash, \$150.
"White Wings" of Williamsport Consistory, Williamsport	40 boxes candy; 120 oranges; 40 pairs stockings.
Williamsport Consistory, A. A. S. R., Williamsport	Cash, \$250.
Women's Auxiliary of Y. M. C. A., Narberth	1 year's subscription to To-day's Magazine.
"No. 1,517"	Cash, \$100.
Abele, A. A., Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown	24 hair ribbons for the girls; 27 neckties for the boys.
Allen, Harry, Pittsburgh.....	Cash, \$5.
Alward, B. K., Pittsburgh.....	80 toys for the children.
Appel, T. Roberts, Esq., Lancaster.	1 book for the library.
Arnold, James H., Lodge No. 19, Philadelphia	38 books for the library; 58 copy books for the children; paper houses for the children; 1 package magazines for library; 4 ruled tablets.
Bachman, Mr. and Mrs. John A., Mount Joy	1 sago palm.
Bailey, Mrs. Alice G., Philadelphia	1 box silk patches.
Baird, John, Lodge No. 187, Philadelphia	Cash, \$1.
Barre, J. William, Lodge No. 491, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.

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Name of Donor	Article
Barrett, William E., Lodge No. 546, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$2.
Baum, William C., Lodge No. 559, Du Bois	Cash, \$2.
Baur, William, Lodge No. 216, Pottsville	Cash, \$2.
Beaver, John, Wilksburg.....	1 box cigars.
Becker, Miss Susan B. (guest) ..	1 book for the library.
Beitler, Hon. Abraham M., Lodge No. 449, Philadelphia	1 dozen lilac plants; 1 coat and vest; 3 books for the library; 87 magazines for the library.
Bellows, William H., Lodge No. 444, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Bellows, Mrs. William H. (in memory), Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Bernhart, S. B., Lodge No. 551, Mount Joy	50 booklets for the children.
Blessing, Miss Nellie E., Harrisburg	10 magazines for the library.
Branyan, Henry E., Lodge No. 500, Philadelphia	1 year's subscription to American Messenger.
Brinkman, William A., Lodge No. 43, Lancaster	Cash, \$5.
Brinton, Caleb J., Jr., Lodge No. 528, Philadelphia	1 Masonic card album; 1 box Masonic badges and medals.
Burg, O. G., Lodge No. 503, Wrightsville	1 large rubber plant.
Brown, Hon. Charles L., Philadelphia	2 pea fowls.
Brown, Charles M., Lodge No. 221, Pittsburgh	31 books for the library.
Brown, William S., Lodge No. 510, Pittsburgh	12 tennis racquets; 24 tennis balls; 12 rubber balls; 10 baseballs; 9 finger mitts; 4 catcher's gloves; 4 bats; 1 official score book.
Buch Family reunion	Cash, \$5.
Bucher, Mr. and Mrs. A., Akron, Ohio	1 box toys and candy for the children.
Buck, William N., Chicago, Ill...	1 book for the library.

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Name of Donor	Article
Caldwell, Adam C., Lodge No. 568, Brandenville	Cash, \$1.
Cherry, Isaac, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge, Trenton, N. J...	1 book for the library.
Clarke, Mrs. Elizabeth Gale (guest)	7 books for the library.
Collingwood, Bro. David F., Pitts- burgh	Cash, \$5.
Cook, Samuel A., Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia	1 family Bible.
Courser, Oscar I., Lodge No. 218, Honesdale	Cash, \$1.
Cowan, Mr., care Graves Paint Co., Philadelphia	One 500-gallon kit of paint for Power House.
Cree, Henry C., Lodge No. 199, Lock Haven	Cash, \$88.
Davies, John D., Lodge No. 291, Scranton	1 new Hallet & Davis upright player-piano (value \$800); 100 rolls of music.
Davis, Martin H., Lodge No. 606, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Delphey, Charles G., Lodge No. 321, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$1.
Department of Fisheries, Harris- burg	4 cans brown trout; 10 cans blue gill sunfish; 4 cans Wayne bass (1 year old).
Dewey, Hon. Charles P., Harris- burg	3 books for the library.
Dickinson, Mrs. Helen E. (guest).	Cash, \$9.
Doellner, John W., Lodge No. 345, Scranton	Cash, \$3.
Donaldson, William M., Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg	1 registered Ayrshire bull (value \$500).
Donaldson, Mrs. William M., Har- risburg	172 magazines for the library.
Eason, David, Lodge No. 276 (guest)	1 book for the library.
Ellis, Mrs. Caroline H. (guest) ..	Cash, \$25.
	94 books for the library.

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Name of Donor	Article
Engelman, Miss Mary (guest)...	1 book for the library.
Eshbach, Levi, Lodge No. 256 (guest)	Cash, \$100.
Farmers' Fertilizer Works, Eliza- bethtown	Cash, \$25.
Franciscus, James A. B., Lodge No. 71, Philadelphia	14 books for the library; 17 books for the children; 2 slates for the children.
Gilbert, Spencer C., Lodge No. 21, Harrisburg	2 sets of Children's Encyclopedia (20 volumes each); two 18-inch geographical globes for Boys' and Girls' Homes, respectively (value \$100).
Gilliland, Alexander, Pittsburgh..	2 souvenir vases.
Grimeson, Mrs. Anna M. (guest).	20 yards dress trimming.
Gulf Refining Co., Philadelphia..	80 copies of Pennsylvania State automobile maps.
Gunsaulis, Freeman B., Pittsburgh	Cash, \$10.
Hallowell, Walter T., Philadelphia	6 gapeworm extractors.
Harris, Alfred, Lodge No. 295, Philadelphia	1 box magazines for library.
Hart, Lane S., Lodge No. 190, Nor- ristown	Cash, \$100.
Hartman, Dr. Frank G., Lodge No. 476, Lancaster	Cash, \$5.
Heppe, Florence J., Philadelphia..	15 records for Victrola (value \$29); 2 mahogany music cabi- nets.
Herman, Edward S., Harrisburg..	1 gross tobacco.
Hershey, Andrew H., Lodge No. 43, Lancaster	Cash, \$25; 44 new dimes for the children; printing 2,000 Ma- sonic Homes' Christmas slips; printing 200 bills for Poultry- men's picnic; printing 100 pos- tal cards for picnic; 2 pea hens (value \$20).
Hershey, Mrs. Andrew H., Lancas- ter	1 bolt hair ribbon for girls; 13 individual hair ribbons for the girls.

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Name of Donor	Article
Hershey, Hon. Washington L., Marietta	1 Datura Stramonium plant.
Hill, Jenkin, Lodge No. 435, Reading	60 holly wreaths for Berks Home.
Hintz, J. George, Reading.....	Christmas decorations for Berks Home.
Hirsh, Dr. A. B., Philadelphia....	Views for projectoscope.
Hitz, Mrs. Charles, Harrisburg...	1 book for the library.
Hoffman Bros., Bainbridge	100 boxes cigars.
Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Edward, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$30; 1 hat; 1 sweater; 8 undershirts; 1 pair drawers; 1 suit underwear; 4 ties; 1 lady's dress.
Horgan, Mrs. James, Lebanon....	49 chocolate eggs.
Horne, Joseph & Co., Pittsburgh.	1 large doll.
Howell, Harry I., Lodge No. 527, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Hurt, Mrs. Sue Barger, Baltimore, Md.	3 books for the library.
Insurance Company of North America, Philadelphia	6 property maps of the Masonic Homes.
Jefferis, Andrew H., Lodge No. 441, Philadelphia	Writing paper and envelopes for use of guests (value \$14.35).
Jones, John P., Lodge No. 626, Monongahela, Pa.	Cash, \$5.
Kalbfus, Joseph, Secretary and Chief Game Protector, Harrisburg	1 gun.
Kammerer, Harry G., Lodge No. 91, Philadelphia	100 song sheets.
Kastrup, Alfred J., Lodge No. 187, Philadelphia	Cash, \$1.
Keene, Samuel A., Lodge No. 417, Christiana	9 quail; 8 pheasant eggs.
Keim, Miss Millie C. (guest)....	6 books for the library.
Keller, Paul S., Philadelphia	1 perpetual calendar.
Kendrick, Murdoch, Lodge No. 610, Philadelphia	Cash, \$35.
Kennedy, C. B., Pittsburgh.....	Cash, \$25; 1 suit clothes.

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Name of Donor	Article
Kennedy, W. B., Pittsburgh.....	Cash, \$50.
Kiefer, John, Lodge No. 296, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Kreiling, Henry, Pittsburgh	1 Berkshire boar.
Lang, Clifford G., Lodge No. 678, Pittsburgh	19 pairs slippers for the girls.
Laughlin, James B., Lodge No. 679, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$125.
Lee, David W., Lodge No. 626, Donora	Cash, \$5.
Le Gallez, James W., Philadelphia	57 books for the children; 1 set of blocks.
Legg, Mrs. John, Philadelphia...	2 records for Victrola.
Levis, Paul L., Lodge No. 487, Philadelphia	Cash, \$1,175.92.
Lewis, Phoebe Jane (guest).....	1 record for Victrola.
Lit, Jacob D., Philadelphia	Cash, \$75.
Love, F. G., Pittsburgh	18 neckties.
Lusk, Charles P., Lodge No. 464, Harrisburg	2 flags for Boys' and Girls' Homes, respectively.
MacPherson, Malcolm, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$25.
Major, Mrs. Sue S. (guest).....	1 ebony clock.
McCandless, George M., Lodge No. 576, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$25.
McCandless, George W., Lodge No. 484, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$83.
	100 lantern slides; 1 book for the library.
McCaskey, Hon. J. P., Lancaster..	3 volumes for the library.
McCully, William F., Lodge No. 155, Philadelphia	47 books for the library.
McDonald, James A., Pittsburgh..	Cash, \$10.
McFarland, J. Horace, Harrisburg	1 Germantown carriage.
McLeod, Robert, Uniondale.....	1 book for the library.
Mellinger, Clayton S., Lodge No. 43, Lancaster	Cash, \$5.
Mellor, C. C., Co., Pittsburgh	1 record for Victrola.
Merithew, George M., Lodge No. 218, Honesdale	Cash, \$2.

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Name of Donor	Article
Michell, Henry F., Co., Philadelphia	2,000 crocus bulbs; 500 parrot tulip bulbs.
Milleisen, Mrs. Henry R., Midland	4 boxes Christmas tree ornaments.
Miller, Mrs. Charles Burke, Glen Iron (in memory of Ned F. Church, of Williamsport Consistory)	1 pair stockings; ½ dozen handkerchiefs.
Miller, Edward W., Lodge No. 494, Tyrone, and	
Black, Edward P., Lodge No. 494, Tyrone	2 rag dolls for the girls.
Moore, Frank, Pittsburgh.....	Cash, \$25.
Moyer, Walter W., Lodge No. 665, Ephrata	20 collars for men.
Murphy, Francis C., Lodge No. 225, Greensburg	Cash, \$2.
Murtaugh, J. B., Elizabethtown..	1 package books for library.
Mussina, J. Harris, Lodge No. 199, Lock Haven	1 carriage (value \$500).
Myers, Mr. and Mrs. John H., Lancaster	3 boxes oranges.
Ott, Thomas J., Lodge No. 135 (guest)	
and	
Ott, Mrs. Mary A. (guest).....	Assignment of second mortgage of \$600; \$1,000 Aetna Life Insurance policy.
Owens, John, Philadelphia	12 records for Victrola.
Owsley, John C., Lodge No. 250, Sharon	Cash, \$25.
Patton, Edward W., Lodge No. 543, Philadelphia	15 books for the library.
Peacock, William W., Lodge No. 513, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$20.
Pennsylvania Department of Forestry, Harrisburg	500 Scotch pine; 200 Japanese larch.
Pennsylvania State Sanatorium, Mt. Alto	2 pheasants.

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Name of Donor	Article
Philadelphia Life Insurance Co., Philadelphia	1 perpetual Philadelphia Life calendar.
Platt, Mrs. Rebecca P., Philadelphia	1 trunk of clothing; 1 box books for the library.
Randall, William F., Philadelphia Rangnow, Otto, Lodge No. 402, Philadelphia	2 books for the library. 12 doll trunks for the girls.
Raub, Amos K., Lancaster	280 feet 1½-inch galvanized iron pipe; 38 feet 3½-inch galvanized iron pipe for playground equipment (value \$120).
Reach, A. J., Philadelphia	5 baseball bats, 10 baseball gloves, 13 baseballs, for the boys.
Reed, Marcus W. B., Lodge No. 186, Atlantic City, N. J.....	Cash, \$5.
Reinoehl, Miss Kate, Lancaster...	2 filled post card albums; 4 books for the library.
Reynolds Bros., Scranton, Pa....	300 Christmas cards.
Rhoads, Irwin G., Philadelphia...	1 barrel water purifier (value \$50).
Robbins, Miss Lizzie M., Bloomsburg	2 feather beds.
Rosston, Daniel R., Lodge No. 211, Camden, N. J.....	3 books for the library.
Roth, Joseph, Lodge No. 568, Derry	Cash, \$1.
Rott, A. J., Homestead.....	7 books for the library.
Rupp, Miss Ida, Rohrerstown	6 clumps dahlia bulbs.
Russell, Nicholas, Lodge No. 312, Ebensburg	Cash, \$2.
Sandford Card Co., Dansville, N. Y.	1 package greeting cards.
"Sayre Friends," Sayre	36 packages smoking tobacco.
Schicketanz, Mr. and Mrs. George V., Philadelphia	Cash, \$27. 1 box cigars.
Schiller, Frederick A., Lodge No. 321, New York City.....	Cash, \$100. 1 trunk clothing.

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Name of Donor	Article
Schreck, Benjamin F., Reading...	12 books for the library.
Schroyer, H. A., Lodge No. 476, Lancaster	1 box soap; Easter flowers (value \$15).
Service Association of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh	Cash, \$5.79.
Shreiner, Harry K., Lodge No. 130, Philadelphia	1 box books for the library.
Shumway, Mrs. Carrie, Honesdale, and Peil, Mrs. Margaret, Honesdale, and Brown, Miss Emma, Honesdale...	1 box of games for the children.
Skean, Mrs., Philadelphia.....	15 books for the library.
Smitley, John H., Pittsburgh	300 half-pound boxes of candy.
Stearne, Edwin, Lodge No. 292, Philadelphia	Cash, \$1.
Stewart, Miss Emma, Harrisburg, and Vadakin Mrs. A. S., Harrisburg (in memory of their brother, Thomas J. Stewart, of Lodge No. 190)	34 books for the library.
Stewart, Joseph B., Lodge No. 626, Santa Ana, Cal.....	Cash, \$2.
Stiffel, A., Philadelphia.....	1 fireproof record safe.
Stimson, Dr. C. M., Philadelphia..	1 American roadbook.
Stuetzer, George H., Lodge No. 610, Philadelphia.	1 box cigars.
Sweigart, Mrs. John, Elizabeth- town	1 dress.
Taylor, John C., Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia	Cash, \$200.
Taylor, Bro. William K., Philadel- phia	89 books for the library; 4 books for the children; 5 pictures.
Thilow, William H., Philadelphia.	100 tube rose bulbs.
U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.....	10 tulip bulbs; 20 narcissus bulbs

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Name of Donor	Article
Wagner, Louis M., Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia	Cash, \$175.
Walker, Joseph R., Lodge No. 187, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Wall & Ochs, Philadelphia.....	1 filing cabinet; 1 set index cards; 1,000 filing cards.
Waterer, Hosea, Lodge No. 115, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Weideman, Frank, Lodge No. 187, Philadelphia	Cash, \$5.
Weimar, Harry J., Pittsburgh ..	13 records for Victrola.
Welchans, Miss Madeline, Lancas- ter	3 books for the library.
Wertz, Paul B., Reading	7 magazines for the library.
Wertz, S. & Son, Reading.....	1 package magazines for the li- brary.
Weston, John D., Lodge No. 218, Honesdale	Cash, \$20.
Wetter, Charles G., Lodge No. 52, Philadelphia	2 bath tubs; 2 washstands; spigots, pipes, etc.
Wheeler, Bradley P., Lodge No. 626, Duluth, Minn.....	Cash, \$5.
Williams, Hon. J. Henry, Past Grand Master, Lodge No. 59, Philadelphia	3 books for the library; 1 lan- tern; neckties.
Williams, Mrs. J. Henry, Phila- delphia	60 toothbrushes for the children; 4 tooth powder holders for the children; 10 pounds tooth pow- der for the children; 10 books for the Hospital; 1 book for the li- brary; 2 magazines for the li- brary.
Yohn, Henry I., Lodge No. 9, Philadelphia	1 volume for the library.
Youndt, P., Lodge No. 561, Allen- town	1 volume for the library.

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CONCLUSION.

Such is the achievement of the year, such the purpose of the future. To the Fraternity, Masonry has a deeper meaning, a broader opportunity; to the profane, a greater significance, an exemplary beneficence. The Fraternity has become an agency of service, that kind of service which recognizes the equality of man, the obligation of the strong to the weak, the duty of those blessed to the unfortunate. Masonry discloses the silver lining of the clouds of life, and makes this a better world for all to live in.

Could there be a nobler mission than this? Could there be one inspiring to loftier ambition and more beneficent achievement? The laying of that corner-stone at Elizabethtown gave Masonry a clear vision of its opportunities. On that stone there have not only been reared the Masonic Homes, brotherly love given substance; but, also, constructed a Masonic policy in the development of which there is no end. Like the rainbow, this policy of well-doing spans the heavens of duty and obligation, its prismatic colors each emblematic of Masonic principle and virtue, brilliant with new assurance that Masonry will protect its own worthy, those who may be dependent on them, and, moreover, exert an influence on all men that truth prevail, righteousness triumph, and liberty be sacred.

What a challenge to manhood such Masonry presents! To the past it links the future. As the Craft of old builded cathedrals that won the admiration of the succeeding generations, so Masonry, in this grand old Commonwealth of ours, is to-day building temples with hands, hearts and minds, that for generations to come will elicit not only admiration, but veneration and emulation, temples of service that will forever be testimonials to the craftsmen who reared them, in moulding character within and without the portals of Masonry; and in that unselfish and liberal helpfulness which brings into the full

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radiance of God's sunshine the lives of those who otherwise might live in perpetual shadow.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS A. WATRES,

Grand Master.

JAMES B. KRAUSE,

Deputy Grand Master.

JOHN S. SELL,

Senior Grand Warden.

ABRAHAM M. BEITLER,

Junior Grand Warden.

GEORGE B. ORLADY,

Past Grand Master.

J. HENRY WILLIAMS,

Past Grand Master.

EDWARD W. PATTON,

GEORGE W. McCANDLESS,

WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,

ANDREW H. HERSHEY,

HENRY C. SCHOCK.

November 15, 1917.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

Bequests in last wills and testaments, that are intended for the charities under the control of and administered by the Committee on Masonic Homes, should be in the following form:

"I give and bequeath to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, now located at Broad and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, for the Masonic Homes, under its control, the sum of Dollars. And I hereby direct that this bequest shall be free from the payment of collateral inheritance, succession, direct, or other taxes, whether imposed by state, federal or other authority, and shall also be free from payment of commissions, or charges of any sort; the payment of any such taxes, commissions or charges to be borne by my estate."

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EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

The following report of the Emergency Relief Fund was read, and ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

The following is the report of the Emergency Relief Fund for the year ending November 15, 1917:

	Principal.	Income.
Balance on hand, November 15, 1916	\$13,665.11	

RECEIPTS.

1917.

Jan. 1.	Income—Masonic Home Loan	\$40.00
Apr. 16.	Interest on deposits .	16.77
July 1.	Income—Masonic Home Loan	40.00
Aug. 29.	Final dividend—Tradesmen's Trust Company	32.52
Oct. 15.	Interest on deposits .	17.49
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		\$146.78

Income transferred to Principal Account .	146.78
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\$13,811.89

EXPENDITURES.

Transferred from Income to Principal Account .	146.78
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\$13,811.89

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The investments consist of the following:

Loan to Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	\$10,000.00
Masonic Home Loan Certificates, \$500 each, Nos. 138, 139, 140 and 141	2,000.00
Cash on deposit—Philadelphia Trust Company	1,811.89
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	\$13,811.89
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Balance on deposit in the Tradesmen's Trust Com- pany, due this fund	\$219.63
Less—final dividend received August 29, 1917, as shown above	32.52
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Loss	\$187.11
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Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS A. WATRES,
Grand Master,
JAMES B. KRAUSE,
Deputy Grand Master,
JOHN S. SELL,
Senior Grand Warden,
ABRAHAM M. BEITLER,
Junior Grand Warden.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

Brother WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the Philippine Islands, who had been made a Mason in Matthias H. Henderson Lodge No. 661, Philadelphia, in 1909, was pleased to visit the Grand Lodge and was received with the customary honors.

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EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master:

The Employment Bureau established in September, 1916, has received to November 28, 1917, 1729 applications, and placed in employment 986. Of these, 5 are earning salaries of \$5,000 each. The collective earnings are nearly \$1,000,000. Five men and one woman have been taken from the Homes at Elizabethtown. Ninety-four were men over 70 years of age, 64 widows, and 132 girls. Our difficulty to-day is to supply the demands from employers. Those willing to work may readily find employment. Many have acknowledged with gratitude the services of the Bureau. Some have failed to report the result of its efforts. The thanks of the Committee are tendered to our efficient Manager, Brother JOHN A. BOLARD, and his assistant, Brother SAMUEL J. MOFFITT.

Fraternally submitted,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
Past Grand Master.

JOHN WANAMAKER,
CHARLES F. BOWER,
MORRIS L. CLOTHIER,
EDGAR F. SMITH,
W. FREELAND KENDRICK,
EDWARD A. STOCKTON,
JOHN B. STETSON, JR.,
JOSEPH N. SNELLENBURG,
LEWIS W. METZGER,
Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1917.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

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A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Johnstown, Cambria County, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

An appeal was received from Brother H. I. H., a member of Lodge No. —, appealing from the action of said Lodge No. —, on May 3, 1917, in refusing to adopt the resolution of the Trial Committee, which found J. C. M. (a member of Lodge No. —) guilty of the charges preferred against him, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

District Deputy Grand Master Brother ADOLPH EICHHOLZ, on behalf of Hermann Lodge No. 125, Philadelphia, the oldest German Lodge in this Jurisdiction, presented to Grand Lodge \$1000, for the Grand Lodge War Relief Fund.

The Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted December 27, 1916, requiring "any amendment or alteration of the Ahiman Rezon, or resolution offered in the Grand Lodge, to be first submitted to the Grand Master, in order that nothing may be placed before the Brethren for action, which would violate any of the Landmarks, or deprive any member of the Fraternity of his rights and privileges," be and the same is hereby rescinded.

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Brother WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, Most Worshipful
Grand Master of Masons in the Philippine Islands,
addressed the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 27, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917.

PRESENT:

Bro. LOUIS A. WATRES . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ JAMES B. KRAUSE . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS . . .	
“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM . . .	
“ CALVIN O. ALTHOUSE . . .	
“ ADOLPH EICHHOLZ . . .	
“ DUDLEY T. LIMERICK . . .	
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	
“ THADDEUS G. HELM . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. SNYDER . . .	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ CHARLES A. SULLIVAN . . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ JENKIN HILL . . .	
“ EDGAR S. NASH . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. PUGH . . .	
“ HAROLD N. RUST . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . . .	

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Bro. R. KAY PORTSER . . .	}	<i>District Deputy Grand Masters.</i>
“ J. HARRIS MUSSINA . . .		
“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH . . .		
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL . . .		
“ JOHN G. BROAD . . .		
“ FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES		
“ BENJAMIN PAGE . . .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ J. GRAY BOLTON . . .		
“ FRANK B. LYNCH . . .		
“ RICHARD MONTGOMERY . . .		
“ FRANCIS M. TAIT . . .		
“ ETHELBERT TALBOT . . .		
“ FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES		<i>As Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ JOHN F. LAEDLEIN . . .		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ WILLIAM H. WREN . . .		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ HORACE E. CAMPBELL . . .		<i>Grand Steward.</i>
“ SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .		<i>As Grand Marshal.</i>
“ JOHN B. PATTERSON . . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
“ FRANK G. HARTMAN . . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN . . .		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

116 Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock,
5 minutes, A.M.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed
Amendments to By-Laws were received and
referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted its
annual report (see Appendix), which was, on
motion, referred to the Right Worshipful Grand
Master, with power to print.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, when, on motion, the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

BRETHREN:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully reports that it has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it, and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 21, 359, 434, 581, and 690 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 115, 158, 326, 480, and 559 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Article 7 of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 513 be not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 134 be approved as amended on the copy.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 130 be approved as amended on the copy.

Fraternally submitted,

A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM D. ASNIP,
WILLIAM P. KAMMERER,
WILLIS B. HEIDINGER,
CHARLES S. WOOD,
Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

DEAR BROTHERS:

On behalf of your Committee on Library, I have the honor, as Chairman, to offer the Committee's Annual Report, having been elected to fill a vacancy, when General LOUIS WAGNER resigned.

Our service extends over the periods of distinguished rulership of Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters KENDRICK, ORLADY, GUTHRIE, GORGAS, WILLIAMS, and your Honorable self.

The vision of the opportunity of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of enlarging the little Library of its early days, the work of Brother GEORGE P. RUPP, at first but a little scrap heap, has become a gold mine. There are some lives that cannot be counted by years or told in dollars.

The idea of a great Masonic Library for Pennsylvania was a vision; it became more than an impulse and finally settled into a possibility by hard work and keeping at it. It was put upon a blue print and the tracks were laid in every direction—first rejecting useless and other books and replacing them with a new collection of books that now numbers 15,010 volumes.

The few aprons and jewels in drawers became the nucleus of a collection that now numbers, after rejecting many duplicates and soiled articles, to a total upwards of 20,000 individual specimens of the work of the Masonic Fraternity.

Under resolution of the Grand Lodge, the Museum was established and the donations of members, bequests, and the

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effective coöperation of Brother SACHSE, the Curator, an invaluable plant was established, limited only by the small space at the command of the Committee.

A copy of the Masonic bust of Washington was cast in bronze and by the generosity of Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland, has its place in our museum.

Through the misfortune of having a little corner on the Main Floor—half of which, or a large part, is occupied by part of one of the corridors and a cramped corner on Juniper and Filbert Streets—the treasures that we have are practically buried.

No monument is worth much if it is only a shaft of marble or a tower of granite. That which is worthy of preservation—the history of a man or a cause he represented; the value of a brilliant mind and a generous heart; the memory of deeds of valor and statesmanship—must have the backing of more than stone and plaster. It must be framed with a man whose life meant something.

The chief monuments and the greatness of the Fraternity of which we are members are the nobleness of manhood; and, alas! the sight of a face and absence of the man whose light and spirit made a joy for the Lodge of which he was a member, fades with the passing of time.

How shall the history of this great Fraternity, of which the greatest book in the world is the foundation—the Holy Bible; the spirit of the Temple builders—how shall we know what it was, and of those who formed the pilgrimage, from Solomon's time to the present hour, of whom we have but few portraits and fewer biographies—how shall we know of the solid, perpetual work of the centuries; except by things that they did and said and the jewels that they wore.

Where shall our younger members get an inspiration; except as they see the emblems of the work they did, or have access to the treasures of long years of trial, hardship and

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Masonic service, that our archives and speeches, of which we have so many in type, not only from the early times, dating back to the beginning of our existence, but along through the days of the Colonial times of our own country and other countries of the earth.

I submit ten pages of large commercial note, not so much to read in this report, but as a matter of record, to be printed in the next Annual Report of remarkable and invaluable publications and documents, without which the history of this great Masonic Fraternity of America would never have been known.

CONSTITUTIONS (ANDERSON)

IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE F. & A. M. OF
PENNSYLVANIA.

A-4.

81—An-2.

THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE FREEMASONS, London, 1723.

The First Book of the kind published under the authority of a Grand Lodge. This is a copy of the first edition. Quarto, three leaves and pages 91. The name of the author of the book only in the list of Lodges as Master of his Lodge, but there stated to be "The Author of this Book."

Our copy is bound in the original calf and is in perfect condition.

Copies of this edition have been sold according to condition and binding from \$25.00 to \$100.00.

A-4.

1—An-11.

THE FRANKLIN REPRINT, Philadelphia, 1734.

This is the first American edition. Quarto, 94 pages. "Reprinted in Philadelphia by special order, for the use of the Brethren in North America." Copy bound in original

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calf, re-backed. There are only about half a dozen copies of this edition known, two of which are in the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

A-4.

130—An-1.

Another Copy. Rebound.

A-4.

5026—An-21.

THE NEW BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS, by James Anderson, D.D., London, 1738. Quarto, original calf, tooled in perfect condition. This is a presentation copy and bears following inscription upon the title-page:

“Presented to His Excellency, Charles Enderby, Esquire, Governor of the Auckland Islands, South Seas, by Bro. John Masson, P.G.S.B., London, 13th July, 1849.” (Jno. Tasker, 1760.)

This (second) edition, with the name of the author upon the title-page, failed to receive the approval of the Grand Lodge. Contents vi leaves, pp. 232.

S-4.

14188—An-38.

Another Copy in the Shryock collection, rebound; lacks original title; margins cut down to small quarto.

A-4.

1052—An-213.

In 1746, a new title-page was printed and substituted for the title-page of the edition of 1738, and the copies were sold as a new edition. The frontispiece is the same in the editions, bearing the dates 1723, 1738, and 1746. Both of the above are scarce and valuable, original calf binding, quarto, pp. 230.

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A-4.

8—An-213.

Another Copy. Small quarto, original calf binding. Perfect copy.

A-4.

3695—An-213.

Another Copy. Small quarto, original calf binding. Lacks frontispiece and title.

A-4.

3374—Ir-51.

THE NEW BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, CONTAINING THEIR HISTORY, CHARGES, REGULATIONS, &c. Published by the order and with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, collected from the Book of Constitutions published in England in the Year 1738, by our Worthy Brother JAMES ANDERSON, D.D. For the use of the Lodges in Ireland. By Edward Bate in George's Lane, for the Editor and sold at his house, at the Sun in Nicholas Street, 1751.

Very scarce octavo, pp. viii, 172, rebound.

A-4.

4879—An-22.

Third edition, 1756, edited by John Entick. Quarto, pp. iv, 339, original calf, new frontispiece, London, 1756.

A-4.

1050—An-22.

Another Copy (1756). Lacks frontispiece. Formerly the property of Kings Head Lodge. Name of Lodge and date, A.L. 5758, on title-page. Binding original Russia and gold tooled and edges. Written upon title: "This Book be-

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longs to Old Union Lodge No. 62," held in the Kings Head Tavern. Will Richardson, W. M.

With an explanatory note by Wm. J. Hugan upon the fly leaf facing title.

A-4.

6162—An-21.

THE CONSTITUTIONS (1767). A new edition by John Entick, with alterations and additions by a Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, London (1767). Printed for Brother W. JOHNSON, in Ludgate Street, in the vulgar year of Masonry 5767.

Octavo, pp. 366, original polished calf, finely tooled with Masonic emblems and inlaid center. A perfect copy.

A-4.

136—An-21.

Another Copy (1767). Original calf quarto. Lacks frontispiece.

A-4.

135—An-218.

Another Copy, London (1767-1776). Attached to this is the appendix of 1776, written by Brother WILLIAM PRESTON. This appendix, quarto, pp. lxxv, was printed by order of the Grand Lodge and bound up with sheets of the 1767 edition still on hand.

A copy of this edition is rarely met with.

A-4.

87—An-211.

An authorized edition (1769), "A New Edition, carefully revised and continued to the present time," London, printed for G. Kearsly in Ludgate Street, 1769. Octavo, pp. 396, original calf.

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88—An-212.

Another unauthorized copy (1769) published in Dublin, with a different title-page. "Collected and Digested by Order of the Grand Lodge, from their old Records, Faithful Traditions, and Lodge Books." Designed for the Use of Lodges, Being a curious and antient History from the creation to the present time. Dublin, 1769. Printed for Thomas Wilkinson, in Winetavern Street, the corner of Cook Street.

A-4.

13858—An-219.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, &c. A new edition by John Noorthouck, London, 1784.

This is the Fifth Book of Constitutions, and the last with the historical introduction. It is the last authorized edition of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England (Moderns) which bore Anderson's name on the title-page as author, and is known as NOORTHOUCK'S CONSTITUTION.

Large quarto, pp. x, 459, original calf, rebacked.

The new allegorical frontispiece is a very fine engraving by "B. Cipriani and T. Sandby Del. F. Bartolozzi and T. Fittler Sculp." It is generally known as the Bartolozzi frontispiece.

Following is an explanation of the allegory of the frontispiece. In the earliest edition of Noorthouck's Constitution, this was inserted upon a leaf following the title-page:

"Briefly, the interior of the Freemasons' Hall is represented. Truth holds a mirror, and is attended by the three Virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity, under these being the Genius of Masonry, who is descending into the Hall, bearing a lighted torch. On her arm is a ribbon attached to which is a medal, with which she is to invest the Grand Master

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in token of the Divine approbation of a Building sacred to Charity and Benevolence."

A-4.

1053—An-219.

Another Copy (1784). Lacks frontispiece. Original polished calf, with Masonic inset on cover and Masonic emblems on the back.

S-4.

14560—An-219.

Another Copy (1784). Lacks frontispiece. Original polished calf inset on front cover—"Lodge of Union 534."

AMERICAN EDITIONS.

A-4.

1—An-11.

130—An-1.

The Reprint by Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia 1734 has already been noted.

This was the first Masonic Book published or printed in the Western World.

A-4.

14994—An-12.

ANDERSON'S CONSTITUTIONS. A fac-simile edition of the Franklin reprint of 1734, published by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1906.

A-4.

4336—An-217.

ANDERSON'S CONSTITUTION. A fac-simile of the 1723 edition published by John W. Leonard & Co. (for Robert Morris), with an analytical index by Albert G. Mackey. Quarto, pp. v, 108, blue cloth. New York, 1855.

A-4.

792—An-217.

Another Copy.

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S-4.

14505—En-55.

Another Copy.

A-4.

3706—An-23.

ANDERSON'S CONSTITUTION. Fac-simile reprint of Franklin's edition of 1734, with a fac-simile of the frontispiece from the original edition and a prefatory note by Benno Loewy, First Vice-President of the Masonic Historical Society of New York. Octavo, pp. 94, cloth. New York, 1905.

The engraved frontispiece to the edition of 1723 "Engraved by John Pine in Aldergate Street, London." In the foreground the Duke of Montagu, Grand Master of England, is depicted presenting a Roll of the *Constitutions*, with the Compasses, the emblem of his office, to his successor, the Duke of Wharton. Each of these Grand Masters is attended by his Deputy and his Grand Wardens. On the left, behind the Duke of Montagu, stand his Deputy (Dr. Beal) and his Grand Wardens (Josias Villeneuve and Thomas Morris), the nearer of whom carries in his left hand the gloves, and over his right arm the Aprons, to be used in the Installation of the new Officers. On the right, the Duke of Wharton is attended by his Deputy (the Rev. Dr. Desaguliers) and the new Grand Wardens (Joshua Timson and William Hawkins). There can be no question about the identity of the two principal figures, for the Duke of Montagu is apparelled in the full robes of a Knight of the Garter, and his Grace of Wharton in those of his recently acquired Dukedom.

In the center is the 47th problem of Euclid, below being Eureka. The background is composed of a series of columns gradually diminishing, with an emblematic representation of the Sun (apparently) above, the whole being surmounted by an arch, only partly visible.

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This plate was used as a frontispiece for the editions of 1723, 1738, and 1746.

A reversed copy of this plate was engraved by "Phill Simms in Dames Street, Dublin," in 1730 for John Pennell's Irish edition of Anderson's Constitution. This was, as stated on the title-page, printed by J. Watts, at the Lord Carterets Head in Dames-street, for J. Pennell, at the three Blue Bonnets in St. Patrick's Street, in the Year of Masonry 5730. *Cf.* *Cæmentaria Hibernica*, Fasciculus I.

This same reversed plate was used by Edward Spratt for his edition issued in Dublin, 1751. The inscription under the frontispiece tells us that it was "Published by Edward Spratt Secretary to Ye Grand Lodge Dublin." *Cf.* *Cæmentaria Hibernica*, Fasciculus III.

For the edition of 1756, a new frontispiece by ("Boitard delin B. Cole sculp ed dedit") represents the genius of Freemasonry seated on a throne, London being seen in the background, the dome of St. Paul's appearing as a prominent figure and a portion of the Old London Bridge being also visible. On tessellated pavement in the front are working tools scattered about, the arms of the Grand Lodge being depicted at the right of the figure. No motto is given. The plate did duty also for the Constitutions of 1767.

This frontispiece was also used in the editions of 1767 and 1776.

It has been almost a lifetime to gather these and other golden books, some of them of the times of three centuries ago; and added to these, the Golden Book of the United Supreme Council for the Western Hemisphere, a quarto of 396 pages; with an autograph note written by Lafayette to the Council that conferred the thirty-third degree upon him, ten days before the death of that great patriot.

We have also the records of at least 70 Extinct Lodges of the eighteenth century and early part of the nineteenth century; together with many records relating to the Military

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Lodges in the Revolutionary Army, all being warranted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Further, we have several thousand Documents signed by hundreds of the Brethren who were active in the Fraternity during those early days. There is no Masonic Library in the Western World that contains so great a wealth of original material as there is housed in our Archives.

Noteworthy among our Foreign Masonic Treasures in Manuscript we will mention:

(1) The priceless French Manuscript Volume, "Hauts Grades du Rit Francais," compiled by the Chevalier Fustier in 1809 for Marchall MacDonald Duke de Taranto. This volume contains the ritual of no less than 464 degrees.

(2) The Ritual of the Rose Croix upon 24 illuminated pages folio.

(3) Folio French Manuscript of 74 pages, giving the full Ritual for the reception of the Apprentice, Compagnons Ecossais; together with this are 24 beautiful artistic Aquarelles, showing the settings of the Lodge room, costumes, etc., for the different degrees.

(4) Livre D'Or (Golden Book) of the Sov Chapter de la Rose Etoilee Regeneree. A folio volume of 139 pages, 43 of which contain the closely written records of the chapter, Paris, 1817.

(5) Maurerische Chiffern, a folio volume of 64 pages compiled by C. A. Gopel in 1847, containing the ciphers with key used by all Masonic organizations in the world.

(6) Mythologie Indienne, a French folio volume of 144 closely written pages to which are added 111 water color drawings by native artists, showing the various East Indian deities which are described in the text.

Further, in our Library proper, we have a full set of the various editions of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, every edition being represented.

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We also have a complete set of Ahiman Rezon, the most important among them is a copy of the Ahiman Rezon of 1783, being a duplicate bound copy of the one presented to General Washington; this at the same time was presented to William Adcock, the first Grand Master of the Independent Grand Lodge. We also have a complete set of the Pocket Companions published in England, Ireland and Scotland.

Now as to the various Constitutions and Ahiman Rezon printed in America, we have a full set of the various editions.

We also have a set of Ancient Rolls (fac-simile) which were so fully described by William J. Hughan in his work on the "Old Charges of British Freemasons." Further, our copy of the Old Constitution, known as the Carmick Manuscript of 1727, is the only original manuscript of its kind in the United States.

We also have both Editions of what is known as the engraved Cole Constitution.

We will say further there is not a Masonic Book of any importance that cannot be found in our Library. Our Encyclopedia Card Catalogue is virtually completed, and we may well claim that there is not another Masonic collection in the Western World as complete as that of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania.

A catalogue of the oil paintings, engravings, chromos, and photographs in our collection has also been made during the past year.

A descriptive list of the Masonic Certificates, Warrants and Diplomas in our collection from all parts of the world is now in course of preparation.

Attention is also called to our collection of *circa* 6000 Chapter Tokens or Pennies, all properly labeled according to state or country.

The disastrous and greatly to be deplored war has warred on progress, has practically shut down on the search

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for the treasures that are on the other side of the world—the Masonic treasures.

The small space originally allotted to us having been reduced, it would seem as if it were unwise to gather any more things until better accommodations can be provided for them. The dark office building that this Masonic Hall is reduced to, except on stated occasions of the meetings of the Lodges, the impossibility to provide proper reading room and opportunities to examine the treasures of the Library and the Museum oblige us to recommend that we defer any prosecution of this work for the present; and inasmuch as there seems to be such a pressure for the use of the 35,500 square feet under the roof and every section of our work pressing for room, as we are told, we make up and include in this report a budget of \$11,000 to keep it going; though your Committee, or a large part of it, have the profound belief that it might be just as well to save the money and box up and store in some small space the valuables that we own, which, under a careful inventory, piece by piece, to your Committee represent at the smallest estimate the value of \$274,362; and if they were offered for sale to some other Lodges that are beginning to create Libraries could be disposed of for a great deal larger sum.

Were this to be done until a better day comes, when proper quarters can be obtained to display them, they should be covered by insurance.

It will be understood, dear Right Worshipful Grand Master, that this Committee has not lost interest in its work, but since it has served many years, perhaps another Committee could do it better and could find some way, either by adding a story or two to the present Hall, or start a project to add adjoining property and enlarge it, we deem it our duty to present these facts which are all respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Right Worshipful Grand

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Master, who might consider it worth while, upon due reflection, to form a special Committee to whom should be referred this report for a further report upon the facts, at a later meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Our expenditures for the year November 15, 1916, to November 15, 1917, are as follows:

Salaries	\$6,468.50
Reprint Volumes	496.65
Periodicals	80.71
Binding Periodicals	
Bindings	144.38
New Books	292.84
Antiquities	475.76
Cataloguing	190.35
Stationery and Printing	31.12
Telephoning	77.21
Express	4.51
Postage	1.56
Petty Cash	37.26
Miscellaneous	52.51
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	\$8,353.36
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All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Library Committee.

JOHN WANAMAKER,
SAMUEL W. LATTA,
HARMAN YERKES,
NORRIS S. BARRATT,
HENRY DARRACH,
WALTER T. TAGGART,
WILLIAM B. BROOMALL.

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ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY
FUND.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN :

The Board of Almoners, of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, present their Annual Report for 1917 as follows:

Balance from 1916	.	.	.	.	.	\$940.00
Appropriation to Class 1	.	.	.	.	.	2,400.00
Appropriation to Class 2	2,100.00
Appropriation to Class 3	2,100.00
Appropriation to Class 4	2,400.00
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						\$9,940.00
\$149.08, balance of deposit in the Tradesmen's Trust Co. when it became insolvent, was by order of the Board, charged off	149.08
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						\$9,790.92
Received final dividend, declared and paid after the above amount was charged off	23.88
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Net Total	\$9,814.80
Making the net loss on deposit in the Tradesmen's Trust Co.	\$125.20

They have received and favorably acted upon applications representing the following Jurisdictions:

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Pennsylvania	. . . 711	Virginia	. . . 3
Delaware	. . . 14	Massachusetts	. . . 3
New York	. . . 8	South Dakota	. . . 3
New Jersey	. . . 3	Mississippi	. . . 3
South Carolina	. . . 6	Maryland	. . . 1
Illinois	. . . 3	Scotland	. . . 3

Total 761

Amount granted to 761 applicants . . . \$8,245.92
 Balance to 1918 \$1,568.88

During the year 1917, the Board has lost by death four faithful and devoted members:

Brother SAMUEL H. ALLEN, Past Master Lodge No. 591.

Brother JAMES H. HORNE, Past Master Lodge No. 52.

Brother JOHN MCKINNEY, Past Master Lodge No. 380.

Brother ALONZO P. CUNDEY, Past Master Lodge No. 493.

Fraternally Submitted,

WILLIAM EISEMAN,

President.

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STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania:

DEAR SIRS AND BRETHREN:

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund present the following report for the year ending December 27, 1917:

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Balance cash on hand December 27, 1916	\$589.68
Appropriated to Class No. 1	1000.00
Appropriated to Class No. 2	800.00
Appropriated to Class No. 3	800.00
Appropriated to Class No. 4	900.00
Received Final Dividend from Tradesmen's Trust Company	7.71
	<hr/> \$4,097.39
The Board of Stewards granted to 117 applicants who were found worthy	3,195.39
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Balance cash on hand December 27, 1917	\$902.00
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The Board has lost by death two of its faithful members,
viz.:

Brother GEORGE C. HAGNER, who had served 4 years.

Brother WILLIAM H. LIST, who had served 11 years.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY K. LEECH,
President.

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BURSARS OF THE THOMAS R. PATTON MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND.

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed:

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Pennsylvania:*

BRETHREN:

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund report that during the past year the following amounts

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have been received and disbursed to the persons entitled to the benefits of the Fund:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1916 . . .	\$665.00	
Appropriation, January, 1917 . .	3,900.00	
Interest on Deposits in Bank . . .	25.70	
	<hr/>	\$4,590.70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Class No. 1 to 94 applicants . . .	\$752.00	
Class No. 2 to 92 applicants . . .	738.00	
Class No. 3 to 89 applicants . . .	714.00	
Class No. 4 to 95 applicants . . .	764.00	
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	\$2,968.00	
Net loss on Deposit in Tradesmen's Trust Company (account closed)	59.79	
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	\$3,027.79	
Balance to 1918 . . .	1,562.91	
	<hr/>	\$4,590.70
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Brother CHARLES PFLAUM, Past Master of Lodge No. 155, served the Board very faithfully for more than ten years, and his loss by death is much deplored.

Fraternally submitted,

J. PARKER CRITTENDEN,

President of the Board of Bursars.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1917.

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ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging:

BRETHREN:

Pursuant to custom, I herewith submit my report as Grand Master for the Masonic year ending this day.

FINANCIAL.

The financial condition is satisfactory.

Our *Resources* as of November 15, 1917, as shown by the report of the United States Audit Company, appraising the Temple at \$1,700,000.00

And Masonic Homes at Eliza-

bethtown at 1,259,326.05

Were \$3,032,542.11

Our *Liabilities*, including

Masonic Homes Loan . . . \$255,600.00

Were 332,887.67

Leaving a surplus of \$2,699,654.44

To which is to be added amount to be paid into

Sinking Fund from the membership dues . . 255,600.00

Showing a surplus of \$2,955,254.44

By reference to the report of the Committee on Finance (G. L. P., 1916, p. 115) you will observe that Grand Lodge

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faced a deficit of \$140,488.65 at the close of the Masonic year ending November 15, 1917.

It is most gratifying to be able to say that instead of having a deficit, the books closed on November 15, showing all notes paid, and a balance in cash in the bank of \$14,207.67, from which is due the Emergency Relief Fund the sum of \$10,000 for money borrowed from that Fund, leaving a net cash balance on hand November 15, 1917, with all obligations paid, of \$4,207.67.

That this satisfactory result was attained is due to three distinct sources: First, Grand Lodge in its wisdom passed the resolution requiring the payment by a petitioner for initiation and membership of \$20 in addition to the regular initiation fee. Second, the several Committees, including the Committee on Masonic Homes, kept within the limits of their appropriations. Third, the income from our Trust Funds was promptly paid and the District Deputy Grand Masters promptly remitted to Grand Lodge the amounts by them severally collected for dispensations.

In this connection it is proper to say that the earnest and successful effort of Right Worshipful Grand Secretary JOHN A. PERRY in assembling the funds of Grand Lodge is to be specially commended.

The receipts under the \$20 resolution referred to did not begin to come in until February 15th. From this source during the nine months (including July and August, when Lodges were called off) came \$94,585.90, and it is estimated that when the full year's receipts come in, *i.e.*, February 15, 1918, they will reach in the neighborhood of \$135,000, a sum in excess of the net maintenance for the Elizabethtown Homes for the Masonic year just closed. The receipts from this source to date amount to \$108,985.90.

It is pointed out that the petition fees, together with the income from trust funds set aside for the Elizabethtown

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Homes, were sufficient, within \$13,778.77, for the entire maintenance account of the Homes for the Masonic year just closed.

MEMBERSHIP.

Reports from sixty of the sixty-one District Deputy Grand Masters, sent me on the 16th of November, show that, although there are a few weak Lodges in our Jurisdiction, the Lodges as a rule are in excellent condition.

VISITATIONS.

The visitations of the Grand Master, which, in the majority of cases, were to Lodges off the main line of travel, and to Lodges which have not had the benefit of close touch with Grand Lodge or sister Lodges, were as follows:

January 19. Azalea Lodge No. 687, at Hazleton.

February 7. Grand Visitation to Lodge No. 43, at Lancaster. Upon this occasion the Lodge celebrated the One Hundredth Anniversary of the making a Mason by said Lodge of Brother JAMES BUCHANAN.

February 27. Summit Lodge No. 312, at Ebensburg.

February 28. Grand Visitation to Everett Lodge No. 524, at Everett.

April 5. Grand Visitation to Oriental Lodge No. 385, at Philadelphia, upon the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary, which was made by Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden ABRAHAM M. BEITLER, owing to my inability to attend.

April 17. Grand Visitation to Milnor Lodge No. 287, at Pittsburgh.

April 18. Grand Visitation to Centennial Lodge No. 544, at Pittsburgh.

April 19. Grand Visitation to Zeredatha Lodge No. 448, at Sharpsburg.

April 19. Grand Visitation to Ionic Lodge No. 525, at Pittsburgh.

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May 1. Accompanied by Brothers CHARLES F. BOWER, GEORGE B. WELLS, and GEORGE F. KNIGHT, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York.

May 31. Franklin Lodge No. 221, at Pittsburgh.

June 4. Lodge 152, Easton, on the occasion of its One Hundredth Anniversary.

September 12. Eastern Star Lodge No. 186, at Philadelphia.

September 12. Hermann Lodge No. 125, at Philadelphia.

September 12. Equity Lodge No. 591, at Philadelphia.

September 12. Richmond Lodge No. 230, at Philadelphia.

September 12. Hiram Lodge No. 81, Chestnut Hill.

September 24. Accompanied by Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Brother JOHN A. PERRY, District Deputy Grand Masters Brothers ADRIAN W. MCCOY, JOHN S. WALLACE, and DAVID A. SAWDEY, and Brother GEORGE F. KNIGHT, I attended the Centennial Observance of Freemasonry in Crawford County, held in the Masonic Hall, Meadville.

September 25. Sharon Lodge No. 250, at Sharon.

September 26. I attended a joint meeting of the Lodges in Erie. There were represented at this meeting eight foreign Jurisdictions and twenty-eight Lodges.

September 27. Kittanning Lodge No. 244, at Kittanning. At this meeting there were represented four foreign Jurisdictions and twenty-four Lodges.

October 2. Peter Williamson Lodge No. 323, at Scranton.

October 4. Pen Argyl Lodge No. 594, at Pen Argyl.

October 8. Washington Lodge No. 59, at Philadelphia.

October 10. Meyersdale Lodge No. 554, at Meyersdale.

October 11. Moshannon Lodge No. 391, at Philipsburg.

October 24. Milford Lodge No. 344, at Milford.

November 1. Honesdale Lodge No. 218, at Honesdale.

November 5. Salem Lodge No. 330, at Hamlin.

November 7. Hawley Lodge No. 305, at Hawley.

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SISTER JURISDICTIONS.

Our relations with other Grand Jurisdictions have been harmonious and fraternally beneficial, and I acknowledge with highest appreciation the many courtesies which have been shown me by our sister Jurisdictions.

By reason of the very close relationship existing between the Grand Jurisdiction of New York and our own, which is accentuated by the vast line of contiguous territory, it was thought wise to appoint a Representative of Pennsylvania near the Grand Lodge of New York, and therefore on the 14th of April, THEODORE COCHEU, JR., of Brooklyn Lodge No. 188, was appointed as such Representative. Brother COCHEU, on the 18th of October, after a few days' illness, passed away, and upon the nomination of Most Worshipful Grand Master PENNEY, I appointed Past Grand Master M. W. WILLIAM SHERER as such Representative.

It was my great privilege, accompanied by the Grand Officers, to visit the Grand Lodge of New York at its Annual Communication on May 1st last. This Communication was one of the most patriotic assemblies that it has ever been my pleasure to witness. Addresses, patriotic and Masonic, were delivered by the following: Brother THEODORE ROOSEVELT, Brother WILLIAM RENWICK RIDELL, Chief Justice of Ontario, M. W. SYDNEY A. LUKE, Grand Master of Canada, and M. W. WILLIAM D. MCPHERSON, Past Grand Master of Canada. Your Grand Master was also privileged to address the Brethren.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

On the 22d of February, it was my privilege to attend the most interesting convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association held at Alexandria, Virginia. This convention pledged itself to erect upon the site already provided by the Master Masons of Alexandria, a building in memory of GEORGE WASHINGTON, the Mason,

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costing not less than \$500,000, and to establish an endowment fund of \$250,000, from which it shall be maintained. Of this sum, there had been subscribed at the date of the meeting, in the neighborhood of \$125,000. It is with special pleasure that it is announced that upon the recommendation of our Committee on Finance, Grand Lodge has seen fit to appropriate \$10,000 toward this fund. The original Warrant to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 was granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. WASHINGTON was a Pennsylvania Mason, and it is most fitting that our Grand Jurisdiction should have a conspicuous part in erecting the building to perpetuate his memory.

PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATION.

Upon the question of what constitutes physical disqualification, there have been, as upon every other question involving a matter of construction and application, differing opinions by different Grand Masters. In passing upon the many phases of this question, I have kept within the lines of the Ahiman Rezon and the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1783; and so far as my firm convictions relating to this question have permitted me to do, I have coincided with the views of my illustrious predecessors.

BLACK BALL.

Although it must be borne in mind that extreme care should be taken in protesting against the improper use of the black ball lest members become lax in exercising its real Masonic use, it is very evident that there is a misunderstanding upon the part of a large number of the Craft as to its proper use, or else a flagrant violation of Masonic duty.

There are instances where, in small Lodges, not a single petitioner during the year has been approved, and other Lodges where thirty per cent. of the petitioners have been rejected.

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I sat in one Lodge where six petitions were read: Four were black-balled and two withdrawn. In this case, after a thorough examination, I was convinced that the balls were not cast against the petitioners by reason of their unfitness for Freemasonry, but because of personal piques and quarrels, and because other petitioners had been previously rejected. I appointed seven Past Masters of the Lodge to make full inquiry as to the petitions existing therein. I directed the Junior Warden to file charges against two of the Brethren of the Lodge, one being a Past Master, for conduct unbecoming a Mason. After receiving the full report of the committee, however, I directed that the charges should not be pressed, in the hope and full expectation that the misuse of the black ball in this Lodge would be discontinued. It is proper to add that in this same Lodge during this present month, nine petitions were approved, and that harmony and fraternal feeling permeate the Lodge.

In another Lodge serious complications arose by reason of the improper use of the black ball, and a letter was written to the Lodge, a part of which read as follows:

“ The Grand Master cannot permit this transaction to pass without, in the most positive and emphatic terms, voicing his indignation at and disapproval of the un-Masonic action of the two Brethren referred to. The Masonic ballot is sacred. He who knowingly misuses it should be promptly expelled from the Fraternity; and it is a clear misuse of it when objections are raised to a petitioner for any other than Masonic reasons. Private piques, business transactions, and personal differences, which do not relate to the character of the petitioner, have no place in Freemasonry, and the Lodge, whose members continue to abuse the ballot by such practices, deserves to lose its Warrant. A community is better off without a Masonic Lodge than with one which

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stamps as unworthy a petitioner for any other than a truly Masonic reason. While the black ball has its place in Freemasonry, it should be used only in the true Masonic spirit. Its abuse cannot be tolerated, and they who abuse it should be promptly and speedily dealt with."

It is gratifying to add that in this Lodge also harmony has been restored and the true Masonic spirit again manifested.

NEW LODGES.

There have been constituted during the year five new Lodges as follows, making our total number at the close of this Masonic year 507.

March 1. Mount Union Lodge No. 688, at Mount Union, Huntingdon County.

June 23. Edwin G. Martin Lodge No. 689, at Allentown, Lehigh County.

October 22. George W. Kendrick, Jr., Lodge No. 690, at Philadelphia.

December 11. George W. Guthrie Lodge No. 691, at Pittsburgh.

December 12. Conemaugh Valley Lodge No. 692, at Johnstown.

APPOINTMENTS.

Trustee of the Title to the Masonic Temple and Other Real Estate of Grand Lodge:

Brother JAMES W. LATTA, Philadelphia Lodge No. 72.

Trustee of the Stephen Taylor Bequest:

Brother JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON, Richmond Lodge No. 230.

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District Deputy Grand Master:

Brother CALVIN O. ALTHOUSE, Rising Star Lodge No. 126,
District D.

Steward of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund:

Brother GEORGE F. MEESER, Vaux Lodge No. 393.

Bursar of Thomas R. Patton Memorial Fund:

Brother WILLIAM McCOACH, Covenant Lodge No. 456.

CORNER-STONES.

During the year the following corner-stones were laid:

August 22. High School Building, Greensville, Mercer
County.

October 7. Morris Lasker Memorial Building, The
National Farm Schools, near Doylestown, Bucks County.

November 3. Post Office Building, Indiana, Indiana
County.

DEDICATIONS.

June 7. Assisted by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers, I
dedicated the new Lodge room of Cassia Lodge No. 273, at
Ardmore, Montgomery County.

June 25. The new Masonic Temple at Wilkes-Barre,
Luzerne County.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following Dispensations have been granted:

SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

To fill vacancies caused by death:

January 25. Bloss Lodge No. 350, Blossburg, Junior
Warden.

February 3. Lamberton Lodge No. 371, Thompsonstown,
Secretary.

February 7. Doylestown Lodge No. 245, Doylestown,
Treasurer.

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February 10. Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, Philadelphia, Secretary.

February 15. Canton Lodge No. 415, Canton, Treasurer.

February 28. Monongahela Valley Lodge No. 461, California, Treasurer.

March 20. Milnor Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh, Junior Warden.

March 20. Milnor Lodge No. 287, Pittsburgh, Senior Warden.

May 9. Susquehanna Lodge No. 364, Millersburg, Secretary.

May 24. Warren Lodge No. 240, Montrose, Treasurer.

October 2. Philo Lodge No. 444, Philadelphia, Secretary.

October 2. Huguenot Lodge No. 377, Kutztown, Treasurer.

October 13. Donora Lodge No. 626, Donora, Treasurer.

TO FORM MASONIC PROCESSION.

A Dispensation was granted to Azalea Lodge No. 687, at Hazleton, to form a Masonic procession and attend Divine Service on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th.

EDICTS.

Edicts have been issued respecting material that stands rejected in this Jurisdiction, as follows:

Murdock M. Woodward, who had been made a Mason in Ohio, and who was rejected in LaMonte Lodge No. 568, held at Derry, Westmoreland County.

Leonard Merlin Forcey, who had been made a Mason in California, and who stands rejected in Clearfield Lodge No. 314, held at Clearfield, Clearfield County.

Ivan M. Bernkopf, who had been made a Mason in New York, and who stands rejected in Ossea Lodge No. 317, held at Wellsboro, Tioga County.

The following edicts have been issued respecting the unlawful action of Lodges:

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The action of Hamilton Lodge No. 274, in approving the petition of, and initiating Luis Blumfield, who is unable to read and write the English language, was set aside. The action of the Lodge was in direct violation of Article 21, Section 1, of the Ahiman Rezon.

The action of Sharon Lodge No. 598, in replying to inquiry as to whether there was Masonic objection to Portville Lodge No. 579, Jurisdiction of New York, acting upon the petition for initiation and membership of George Clifford Hackett, was set aside. The reason for this action was that, at the time the inquiry was made by the Grand Master of New York, the petitioner's address was given as Ceres, Pennsylvania, when, as a matter of fact, it was Ceres, Allegany County, New York, and he was therefore not material belonging to this Jurisdiction. This action does not reflect upon Sharon Lodge No. 598, as the error was due to an incorrect address given when the inquiry was made of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania several years ago.

The action of Philates Lodge No. 527 in approving, Entering, Passing and Raising Orin Osborne Bashline, who, at the time his petition was presented to said Lodge, gave his residence as Philadelphia, when it was Grove City, was declared null and void. The petitioner's name was ordered stricken from the roll of members of said Lodge, and all moneys paid as fees and dues returned to him.

The action of Easton Lodge No. 152, in acting upon the petition for initiation and membership of Richard W. Pascoe, was declared null and void, for the reason that the petition was not in the possession of the Lodge at the time it was supposed to have been read by the Secretary. As a matter of fact, it was not read in the open Lodge, but the records of the Lodge were made to show that it had been received and entered in the regular way.

The action of Eastern Star Lodge No. 186, in approving the petition of, and initiating Edwin G. Moore, was set aside,

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and directions given that his name be stricken from the roll of members of said Lodge, for the reason that he was not under the tongue of good Masonic report.

In consequence of written complaints received from the Grievance Committee and Past Masters of Lodge No. 432, relative to the un-Masonic conduct of Brother AUGUSTUS C. SCHOEDLER, Master of said Lodge, in neglecting the duties of his office by absenting himself from the meetings of the Lodge since April last, it was deemed wise to remove him from office. The Senior Warden of the Lodge was directed to take charge of the Warrant of Constitution and act as Master until St. John's Day. The Senior Warden of the Lodge was directed to instruct the present Junior Warden of the Lodge to prefer charges of conduct unbecoming a Mason, against Brother AUGUSTUS C. SCHOEDLER, at the next stated meeting of the Lodge and to proceed with a trial.

On December 20, 1915, my predecessor issued an edict respecting Olaf Dimling Carlton, a petitioner for initiation and membership in Sojourners Lodge, Cristobal, Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama. The circumstances surrounding the case are as follows: At the request of Sojourners Lodge, inquiry was made by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania of our John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, as to whether there was any Masonic objection to the petitioner. Unfortunately, in the inquiry referred to, the petitioner's name was misspelled, which caused it to appear that he was endeavoring to procure membership by misleading the Lodge. Considerable time having elapsed after inquiry was made, due to the correspondence necessary to ascertain the correct name, and no reply having been received, Sojourners Lodge inferred that there was no Masonic objection and proceeded to confer the degrees. The Lodge was severely censured for this action by the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and in order to clear the situation, inquiry was again made of John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534. Masonic objections were reported, due mainly to

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the misspelling of the petitioner's name, and as above stated an edict was issued. After a careful review of all the circumstances in this case, I was convinced that the error was accidental and that an unintentional injustice had been done Mr. Carlton. I therefore removed the edict.

The unlawful action of John W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, in initiating Orvis Clyde Hoffman without making proper inquiry of the Grand Secretary, was healed. The error was on the part of the Secretary of the Lodge in not certifying to the Grand Secretary the correct name of the petitioner. The accurate spelling of the names of petitioners is a requirement so essential to a proper record being kept by the Grand Secretary, that it seems unnecessary to call to the attention of the recommenders, as well as the Secretaries of Lodges, that in all cases, before the name of the petitioner is printed on the Lodge notice and inquiry made of the Grand Secretary, the name should be properly spelled.

The following petitions have been declared null and void for the reasons stated:

Lodge.	Petitioner.	Reason for Declaring Null and Void
277	Frank C. Sharrow	Physical disqualification not yet removed by Grand Master.
591	Hyman Joblin	Not a resident of this Jurisdiction one year.
640	Evon Clyde Jordan	Reported second petition. Had been formerly rejected on second petition.
451	William M. Switzer.....	Oral objection null and void, had not been approved.
525	Merhle H. Nusz	Former and correct petition still pending.
338	Joseph Meehan	{ Election to membership null and void because not on notice.

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- 130 Frank B. Hanna Not a resident of this Jurisdiction.
- 463 Henry Hugh Nodine Second petition null and void because six months had not elapsed since rejection on first petition.
- 52 William Watmore Resident of Camden, N. J.
- 233 Joseph Schwartz Irregular and contrary to law.
- 283 George Fox Green Not a resident of this Jurisdiction.
- 19 Jeremiah Lockwood Not a resident of this Jurisdiction one year.
- 681 George Houck Wise Rejection null and void because contrary to section 6, page 68, Ahiman Rezon.
- 481 Walter Alan Wood Not a resident of this Jurisdiction.
- 243 Harry Hunt Gregor Six months had not elapsed since former rejection.
- 633 Fred Banks Sharrow Rejection null and void. Letter had not been received, stating there was nothing on the records.
- 433 James J. Buckley { Reports of Committees, approvals (and initiation of Hoskins) null and void.
- Arthur C. Hoskins { Had not been reported to Grand Secretary and reply received stating nothing on the records.
- 534 Emerson Powell Davis Twenty years of age. Contrary to Article XXI, Section I, Ahiman Rezon.

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- 367 Frank Charles RoehrigCorrect name Roehrich not reported.
- 306 John W. PhillipsSection 16, page 73, Ahiman Rezon not complied with.
- 688 Forrest Leslie MyersRejection on second ballot null and void because name not correct on notice.
- 622 George Stephen KreidlerRejection null and void because name erroneously reported to Grand Secretary.
- 632 John Henry MichaelRejection null and void, name incorrectly reported to Grand Secretary.
- 577 Donald Marks ShoffRejection null and void because name was incorrect on notices.
- 511 Guy Daniel SternerPresentation of second petition null and void, because stands rejected on second petition.
- 199 Benj. Hawthorn Houseworth..Second petition null and void. Rejected on second petition.
- 635 Otto S. HallbergRejected September 17 by failure of Committee to report.
- 333 Marcus H. BickertSecond petition null and void. Rejected on second petition May 18, 1906.
- 536 James McKillopPetition for membership null and void because he was made a Mason in Scotland while on a visit, and a resident of Pennsylvania.

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- 399 Harry Ewing BackusSecond petition null and void. Not physically disqualified and was approved on first petition.
- 273 Reaves Clarence LukensRejection null and void. Name incorrect on the notices.
- 659 William Price AhernAll action null and void. Not under tongue of good Masonic report. E. A. M.
- 400 Frank C. HellermanInquiry of Lodge 386 null and void. Appeared on notices without Jr.
- 408 Cornelius Frederick Van Horne. Residence incorrectly given as Hayfield Township and should be Greenville.
- 591 Sam L. LeponStands rejected in Forest City Lodge No. 388, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 609 Howard Burgess NewkirkStands rejected in Excelsior Lodge No. 54, Salem, New Jersey.
- 481 Robert Johnson MenglePetitioner was resident of Crestmont, and inquiry should have been made of Friendship Lodge No. 400, Jenkintown.
- 402 Joseph Ernest CaballeroSubsequent to presentation of petition, one of his recommenders altered residence given in said petition.
- 610 George Volney RamagePetitioner had not resided in this Jurisdiction one year.
- 67 James Asher LynchPetitioner had not resided in this Jurisdiction one year.

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DECISIONS.

Among my decisions were the following:

My attention was called to the fact that the Worshipful Master of Mt. Horeb Lodge had issued a circular letter to members of the Lodge without first obtaining permission to do so, and that he had also sent to members a calendar on which was set forth the frontispiece of the Lodge notice. Such action was not only irregular but contrary to the Regulations of Grand Lodge. It is proper, however, to add that the Worshipful Master had no intention of violating the provisions of the Ahiman Rezon or the decisions of the Grand Master. I directed that further distribution of the calendars be discontinued.

Permission was refused to have a card index prepared of the Masons in Berks County. While it is entirely proper that the Grand Secretary, as well as the Secretary of the individual Lodge, should have a list of the members of the Lodge, it can readily be seen upon reflection that the possession of such an index by any one other than the officers named, might be embarrassing to the Craft.

Permission to have delivered before a Lodge a lecture, entitled "The Masons as Makers of America," was refused, for the reason that upon investigation no authoritative information could be furnished that the lecturer was a Mason.

Permission was granted to Parker City Lodge No. 521 to hold its meetings in Odd Fellows Hall, Parker City, during the rebuilding of the hall in which they formerly met.

Permission was granted to Lodges to donate part of their funds to local Red Cross Societies. While I am not unmindful of the general rule heretofore prevailing as to the use of Lodge funds, in view of the general situation that our country finds itself in, and of the further fact that Masons should not be separate and apart from any general movement which makes for the welfare and safety of our country, I decided

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that the matter referred to was one that might properly be left to the discretion of the several Lodges.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held June 6, 1917, I caused to be read the following letter of instructions:

“Grand Lodge in 1880 (Proceedings of 1880, page 45) decided, in saying that in inquiring upon a petition for initiation and membership, the question of residence should receive the most careful attention, and that a full and searching inquiry must be made as to the standing and character of the petitioner and his fitness to be made a Mason, that ‘This inquiry, to be effectual, must be made at his home and of those who know him.’

“Evidence is not wanting that there has been a good deal of laxity upon the part of committees of inquiry in the performance of their duties.

“The above-quoted decision of Grand Lodge has been by many interpreted to mean the domicile or the municipality in which the petitioner lives. I do not so understand this ruling. The inquiry should be made at the actual home of the petitioner. The home is the unit of society and it should not be ignored by committees of inquiry.

“It is ordered that hereafter at least one member of the committee of inquiry appointed by a Lodge shall visit the actual home of the petitioner, and that the committee, in making its report, shall certify that at least one of its members has visited the home of the petitioner, naming the member who did so visit the home.”

Permission was granted to Lodges to present to those of their members who had been called to the colors, a Bible, and to enclose therein a card or slip setting forth by whom the Bible was presented. Permission was refused, however, to

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Lodges to issue a certificate setting forth the holder thereof to be a worthy Master Mason, the refusal being based upon the requirement of Grand Lodge that such certificate be issued only through Grand Lodge and in the form prescribed.

Permission was granted to Kensington Lodge No. 211 to act upon the petition of Walter Biehn and proceed to confer the degrees, although the period of six months in which the petitioner should have presented himself had expired. My reason for this action was based upon the fact that the petitioner, who was in the United States Navy, was ordered away from the city after his petition had been filed and was unable to be present at any meeting of the Lodge until after the six months had expired. Under all the circumstances, I felt constrained to set aside the action of the Lodge in declaring the petition null and void, and to authorize the conferring of the degrees.

Permission was refused to circularize Lodges for the sale of buttons, badges, etc., to be presented to members who are in the service.

The action of Riverside Lodge No. 503, in accepting the petition for initiation and membership of Harry McClellan Cooper, was set aside, for the reason that one of the recommenders had not known him one year as required.

The Worshipful Master of Salem Lodge No. 330 was directed to have the Junior Warden prefer charges against Brother LOREN S. KIZER, who had, by misrepresentation and false swearing, secured admission to LaLuz Lodge No. 3, San Jose, Costa Rica, under the name of "John E. Wood."

Permission was granted to Washington Lodge No. 59 to receive and act upon a petition for initiation and membership of a youth under age, and by virtue of my presence I caused the petitioner to be made a Mason upon the approval of his petition.

On March 17th, my attention having been brought to a so-called Masonic prayer, which was being circulated through

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this Jurisdiction, with the request that copies thereof be made and mailed so that the chain might not be broken, I directed the Masters of all Lodges to announce at the next stated meeting of the Lodge that the use of chain letters by Lodges or individual members of the Fraternity is strictly prohibited, and that members are prohibited from giving any recognition whatever to this so-called Masonic prayer.

Newton Hamilton was declared neutral territory as between McVeytown Lodge No. 376, located at McVeytown, and Mount Union Lodge No. 688, located at Mount Union. Petitioners residing in the above-named place may present their petitions to either of the Lodges named, without inquiry being made of the other.

On May 17, 1917, I caused the following decision to be transmitted to our several subordinate Lodges:

“The Trustees of a Lodge are to invest its funds in such securities as the By-Laws provide, and in the absence of a By-Law governing the matter, in such securities as are legal investments of trust funds.

“However, the situation in which our country finds itself at this time is such that the Grand Master desires to submit for your consideration, in the way of a suggestion, the propriety of investing the surplus funds of your Lodge in the Liberty Loan now being placed by the Government. These bonds, bearing three and one-half per cent., are convertible into others at higher rates, if such shall be issued by the Government, and are free of all taxation.

“From a consideration of thrift, as well as of patriotism, these bonds are a desirable investment.

“Among all our citizens, none have a better sense of devotion to our Government, or higher ideals of patriotism, than the members of our Fraternity, and it is respectfully suggested that the present is an opportune

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time for the practical manifestation of these sentiments.

“If your Lodge, or any of your members, shall determine upon such a course, attention is called to the fact that promptness is a factor in the doing of it.”

CUMBERLAND VALLEY MEMORIAL.

The Brethren of Cumberland Valley, recognizing the needs of Grand Lodge in properly housing and caring for the farmers and employees at Elizabethtown, raised the large sum of \$7,750 and generously donated it to Grand Lodge to be expended by the Committee on Masonic Homes in the erection of a much needed double dwelling to be occupied by our employees.

OTHER BEQUESTS TO GRAND LODGE.

Several bequests have been made to Grand Lodge for the use of the Committee on Masonic Homes, but they will not become operative until the decease of other legatees named in the several wills.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

The address of the Grand Master, together with preambles and resolutions passed by Grand Lodge at its September Communication, relating to the establishing of a Grand Lodge War Relief Fund, was sent to the Lodges, but not delivered by them until late in October, thus preventing early action thereon by the members of the Fraternity. There has, however, been paid in to the Grand Secretary to date the sum of \$49,190.25. The spirit of patriotism pervades the Craft in a marked degree, and there is no reason to doubt that the War Relief Fund will at all events equal the sum of \$250,000, thus enabling Grand Lodge to carry out the purpose expressed in the resolution above referred to.

BANQUETS.

There has been a fraternal and gratifying response to the suggestion heretofore made as concerns banquets. While the sociability feature has been fully maintained, extravagant ban-

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quets have been greatly curtailed. In some instances (notably that of Perkins Lodge No. 402, which unselfishly gave up the banquet upon the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary) Lodges have postponed their banquets and have contributed the amount ordinarily expended therefor to the Grand Lodge War Relief Fund.

In this connection, it might be said that the Grand Master's usual banquet for December was omitted, and the sum of five hundred dollars from the amount appropriated by Grand Lodge to the Grand Master turned over to the War Relief Fund, in consonance with the spirit of the address of the Grand Master heretofore referred to.

WAR CONDITIONS.

The Grand Master, after a full consultation with the Committee on Landmarks, declined to receive petitions for what are known as "regimental" or "army" Lodges. A Warrant such as those suggested would to all intents and purposes be a Warrant for a foreign Lodge. No such Warrant has been granted by our Grand Lodge since February 6, 1832. Under our proceedings we are obliged to have definite information concerning petitioners, and our Ahiman Rezon provides that, to be a member of any of our Lodges, one must be a resident of our State for at least one year.

Our Committee on Correspondence, of which Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX was Chairman, in 1862, said, *inter alia*:

"Freemasonry is a serious, solemn institution, for man's instruction, benefit, happiness, and improvement. It is intended to elevate him, to teach him high virtues, and oversee their exemplifications in his conduct.

"It is to be calmly considered if this can be well done, either on the field of battle, or in the camp of an army. The surroundings and associations which naturally attend the elements of military bodies at rest, or in action, are not surely the best adapted to such a purpose."

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While we have been unable to gather definite data as to the number of Masons in our Jurisdiction who have offered their services to the country, we know that thousands of Pennsylvania Masons have responded to their country's call. Our Fraternity is represented in every branch of our military activities.

Many who had petitioned our Lodges were called to the colors, time not permitting the conferring of degrees upon them. In these cases we made request upon the Grand Jurisdiction to which the petitioners had gone, and without exception our requests were granted that the degrees be conferred upon them by Lodges in the Jurisdictions of the sister states referred to. Likewise, many similar requests were made to us, by sister Jurisdictions, and in every instance their requests have been complied with. While we fully recognize that this is not in consonance with the practice of our Jurisdiction heretofore, we have felt, nevertheless, that, owing to the exigencies of the times, our rules should be sufficiently elastic to permit us to show this evidence of our appreciation of the patriotic spirit manifested by the petitioners referred to.

Many of our subordinate Lodges have been liberal purchasers of the Liberty Bonds, and are large subscribers to, and earnest workers in, the Red Cross movement.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Library, under the careful management of the Committee on Library and the Librarian, is keeping pace with the requirements of the Fraternity, and the report to Grand Lodge, read by the Chairman of the Library Committee, Brother JOHN WANAMAKER, is most gratifying.

All well-regulated libraries should be equipped with a comfortable and commodious reading-room. Our Library, splendidly equipped so far as reading matter is concerned, is strikingly deficient in this regard. Space to remedy this seems unavailable.

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This is but another evidence of the unquestioned fact that we have outgrown our magnificent Temple.

The Temple Committee finds it almost impossible to fulfil the demand for meeting places. Not only upon the occasion of our December Quarterly Communication, but at other times, Corinthian Hall is taxed beyond its capacity. Larger and more modern quarters are a stern necessity, and Grand Lodge has no time to lose in the working out of this important problem.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

Many of the walls, in the Temple building and much of the furniture had become so worn and disfigured that it was necessary for the Temple Committee to do much work in the way of renewing and renovating. This was done under the careful supervision of the Temple Committee at an expense of \$6,569.03, and the work speaks for itself.

The rentals have been increased during the year from \$67,979 to \$71,870.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

The Masonic Employment Bureau began its work on October 1, 1916, under the management of Brother JOHN A. BOLARD, with offices in the Temple. That in this brief period the Bureau has been enabled to furnish employment to Masons and the widows and daughters of Masons, the salaries of whom in a year amount to nearly one million dollars, is truly remarkable. The Bureau to date has had 1729 applications; of this number 986 were placed in positions. Five of these are earning \$5,000 per annum each. Employment was found for five men and one woman from the Elizabethtown Homes. Ninety-four of the men placed were over seventy years of age. Sixty-four widows and 132 girls were given employment. The Employment Bureau has helped others to help themselves to an extent beyond our fondest dreams.

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The Brethren of Allegheny County, as well as those in several other districts, have for some time done similar work with marked success.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC HOMES.

Although the work of the Committee on Masonic Homes is fully set forth in their detailed report, I want to add my appreciation of the services of the Committee and of the Executive Committee who have devoted so much of their valuable time to the successful working out of this great institution which enables Grand Lodge and the Craft to discharge its fraternal obligation to the Brethren.

During the year I have been away from my home on Masonic business one hundred and two days and have traveled 18,048 miles. This is in addition to days spent in my office upon purely Masonic business. To have made these visits is a privilege which I fully appreciate, but it impels me to submit to Grand Lodge the recommendation that there shall be appointed by the incoming Grand Master a Judge Advocate, one who shall be learned in Masonic Jurisprudence and who shall devote his entire time to this duty and such other duties as may be assigned him, at a compensation which would warrant proper service; the appointee to be furnished with a stenographer. The business of Grand Lodge is increasing yearly, and the demands upon a Grand Master are such that if he has any other business of his own, he will find it impossible to attend to it and at the same time devote the time that is required to the proper execution of the duties of the Grand Master.

All of the Committees, Bursars, Stewards and Almoners have served Grand Lodge faithfully and well and with a devotion to duty that is most commendable.

To those members who have given so liberally and so unselfishly of their time and energy to the School of Instruction, Grand Lodge owes a debt of gratitude.

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To the Brethren in sixty of the sixty-one districts who, as District Deputy Grand Masters, have acted as my personal representatives, I want to express my keen appreciation of their loyal and able services, not only to the Grand Master but to Grand Lodge as well.

For the spirit of coöperation upon the part of my brother Grand Officers I am truly grateful, and for the patience and courtesies Grand Lodge has shown me in my efforts in its government, I am devoutly thankful.

Freemasonry is a living, breathing, palpitating influence, building character in men and molding governments.

Our Ancient Charges, so replete with contemplative thought, admonish us to "walk uprightly in our several stations," to cherish justice, to subordinate our passions to reason, and to discard prejudices. They point out to us unerringly the value of temperance and discretion in the moderation of our desires, and the priceless benefits of amiable and virtuous living. The entire superstructure of Freemasonry rests upon Holy Writ, which guides us in the path of truth and points out the whole duty of man.

Our Landmarks are sacred and must be strictly adhered to. Unflinching fidelity to them makes us better men and truer Masons, alert to see and to interpret the truths for which our symbols stand. We must have a care, however, not to hold as Landmarks individual opinions uttered in times past, and under conditions that no longer exist. We are centuries old, but young enough to discern the dawn of the new day, whose glorious ideals are gilding the peaks of time with the advancing splendor of a mighty modern crusade for Justice and Humanity. We have a new era with its opulent promise of fulfilment as an exemplification of the fundamental teachings of Freemasonry based upon the Divine Word.

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and therefore it is that every true Mason keeps inviolate his obligations in spirit and letter, despises veneer, detests low thought, abhors impure speech, and disdains dissimulation in conversation and conduct. The real Mason, not with long and somber face, but with smiling countenance radiant with hope, looks for the true things in life, admires knightliness, and lives as seeing Him who is invisible.

The following Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions were pleased to visit the Grand Lodge, and were received with the customary honors:

Brother GEORGE B. HYNSON, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Delaware, accompanied by

Brother A. VICTOR HUGHES, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Brother HARRY J. GUTHRIE, M. W. Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Brother JOSIAH W. EWAN, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, of New Jersey.

Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, accompanied by

Brother WILLIAM BOOTH PRICE, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 5, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917, as relates to the election of Grand Officers and the Committee on Masonic Homes was read.

The following Brethren were duly installed in their respective stations for the ensuing Masonic year, ending on Saint John the Evangelist's Day next, were thrice proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft:

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Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE,

Right Worshipful Grand Master,

Brother JOHN S. SELL,

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,

Brother ABRAHAM M. BEITLER,

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,

Brother SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR,

Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,

Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG,

Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer,

Brother JOHN A. PERRY,

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE:

Another mile-stone in the honored and eventful career of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania has been reached, and those who shall conduct its affairs for the ensuing Masonic journey have assumed their respective stations and places. Grateful to Almighty God for the blessing so lavishly bestowed upon Grand Lodge, our Subordinate Lodges, and our honored and venerated Fraternity, in the days that are past, let us reverently invoke His continued guidance in all our undertakings, in all our difficulties, and in all our Communications and work, that they may be harmonious and made beneficial by even a truer spirit of fraternal love and helpfulness.

We approach the solemn and tremendous responsibilities of Grand Master, sensible of our many shortcomings, yet hopeful of the future, as we dedicate our most assiduous and zealous services to Grand Lodge and its ever-increasing and

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widening duties. Be it our high aim and ambition to emulate the noble efforts of those who, with such marked ability and distinguished service, have increased the prestige of Grand Lodge, and brought to the Fraternity deserved fame and a firmer belief in its stability, permanence and usefulness.

As your co-worker we shall not appeal to you in vain, but expect your most cheerful and hearty co-operation that we may be of one heart and mind in all that pertains to the welfare of Grand Lodge and the laudable work in which it is so busily engaged. That we may mutually understand each other at the beginning of this Masonic year, shall direct your attention to those things which we consider of paramount importance to Grand Lodge, feeling that by an open and free interchange of thought, which we hope to encourage, we can attain a broader outlook, a clearer vision of the mission of our beloved Fraternity and, if possible, a more efficient administration of its affairs.

SHALL OUR MEMBERSHIP BE LIMITED.

One of the cardinal rules, or Landmark of Freemasonry, is that he who approach it for admission must do so of his own free will, uninfluenced by friends, and from motives that are not mercenary or selfish, or sometimes, we regret to say, predicated upon the belief that the Blue Lodge is essential only as a stepping stone to some other coveted affiliation, however meritorious that may be.

The Brother who violates this fundamental and beneficial rule by soliciting the profane, or by offering, directly or indirectly, such inducement, does not have a clear conception of Masonry or of his Masonic duty, is wronging Grand Lodge and is guilty of gross un-Masonic conduct.

We must, however, bear in mind that each individual member, no matter how menial or exalted his sphere, who in his life exemplifies the true Masonic spirit, is widening Masonry's influence and philanthropic endeavor, and it be-

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hooves us, therefore, more than ever before, to look critically to the south and safeguard its portals against the unworthy who know not trust in God, and receive those only who possess those enabling qualities of heart, intellect and disposition to understand, feel, and to do. To such the Fraternity cannot bar its doors even though their numbers be great.

The hope of the Fraternity is based on a manhood which stands for strength, integrity, candor, generosity and a conscious selfhood, and the faithful Brother, therefore, must always be alert, zealous and courageous to safeguard and protect it against the blighting touch of the impious and baneful influences of the varying moods of to-day, within as well as without the Lodge.

To this high and timely duty the Grand Master earnestly appeals to each Brother in our Jurisdiction to rededicate his Masonic endeavor in this behalf, confidently relying upon your devotion and loyalty of always exalting and strengthening the Fraternity, rather than weight it down by superficial growth of indifferent members. Let me apply to the Fraternity the words spoken by the Bishop of Exeter, in the hour of his country's great need:

“Give us Men
Men whom highest hope inspires
Men whom purest honor fires
Men who trample self beneath them
Men who make their country
Wreathe them as her noble sons.”

With this note of reminder and solemn warning, the Grand Master shall not circumscribe or limit your fraternal zeal.

THE SOCIAL HOUR.

The Grand Master shall expect the Masters and Wardens of subordinate Lodges to encourage a more general interest in and attendance at the stated and extra meetings of the

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Lodge, and by no means to neglect the opportunities afforded the Brethren by the social hour for getting acquainted and knowing each other better.

These social hours are most interesting, enjoyable and helpful occasions, not alone for social enjoyment, but, also, for the interchange of Masonic thought and dissemination of Masonic knowledge, and should be encouraged, when conducted within proper bounds and conditions.

Many Lodges hold their Warrants of constitution in such high esteem that each recurring anniversary is appropriately celebrated. The Grand Master is pleased with this custom and hopes it may become more general. Such occasions can and should be made specially instructive to the Brethren by a review of the proceedings of Grand Lodge as gathered from the annual reports thereof. Thus effectively giving to the Brethren a better understanding of what Grand Lodge is doing generally, and specially its practical aid and comfort to our aged and infirm.

Our Brethren will not look for more congenial fields for social enjoyment and enlightenment if we do not forget that we are essentially a Fraternity, and that as such, all work, however excellent and meritorious, and no play is harmful and subversive of the welfare of the Lodge.

We are, however, in hearty accord with what was said by Grand Master LOUIS A. WATRES, against lavish and unwarranted expenditures by some Lodges for refreshments and entertainment. The funds of the Lodge are a sacred treasure, and should be conserved as such, and, especially, at this time, does it appear unseemly when there are so many opportunities for the alleviation of suffering.

THE MASONIC HOMES.

Someone has said of the Homes at Elizabethtown: "This is home to those who live there. Its inspiration is love. Its soul is humanity. It is greater than fraternalism. It is brotherhood, fatherhood, husbandhood and sonship all in one.

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It will bring honor to the Masonic Fraternity and fame to Pennsylvania through the centuries to come."

This sacrificial labor of the Brethren, so well begun and so successfully carried forward, commends itself at once to all visitors, and, especially, should those who are of the faith and have a proprietary interest therein catch the vision of its wonderful possibilities and real meaning. Many Brethren have visited the Homes, and many have neglected this imperative duty, and we sincerely trust not as indifferent spectators of Masonry and its achievements. How long, however, can such, and especially the District Deputy Grand Masters, continue to say, "I have not visited the Homes" without being out of step in the onward march of our devoted and loyal Brethren?

Am satisfied from the large number of guests at the Homes at Elizabethtown, from the City of Philadelphia, that the Masonic Home in Philadelphia was necessary, and that another Home became urgent to protect the Fraternity from just adverse criticism. The Home on North Broad Street has and does deserve the encouragement of the Fraternity at large, as one of its honored institutions, although not under the direct supervision and control of Grand Lodge. We cannot discourage individual or united philanthropy by the Brethren.

The Masons of Pennsylvania are philanthropic and unselfish enough, broad, strong, capable and willing enough to encourage those of our Brethren who have so long and so well assumed that great Masonic charity.

Are not, however, the paths of duty and love, in which we separately administer and serve, converging?

At this juncture we esteem it to be our duty to direct your thoughtful attention to a dangerous tendency of regarding the Fraternity as a beneficial order, in the sense that material benefits are of right rather than voluntarily bestowed. We are not in sympathy with those who regard the establishment of Masonic Homes as a departure from Masonic Landmarks

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and teachings. Far is that from the truth, but we are in full accord, however, with the thought that greater care and closer scrutiny now devolves upon us to protect the Fraternity against those who may be selfishly attracted to it by our beneficence, as, also, against those within our ranks who thoughtlessly increase the burdens of Grand Lodge by misdirected zeal.

THE MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT.

At the Quarterly Communication, December 6, 1916, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Brother WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG, offered a resolution which was, on motion, unanimously adopted, providing for the creation of an endowment fund of the Masonic Homes of Grand Lodge. The fund to consist of bequests and gifts, the interest of which to be applied for maintenance of the Homes.

This action was most timely and necessary and we call the attention of our benevolently inclined Brethren, whether of large or small means, to the opportunity of surplus wealth afforded thereby for ministering to the permanent needs of the Homes, and we sincerely hope, too, that wise and aggressive action of the Trustees may be inaugurated forthwith to make effective this splendid and practical conception of a pressing need.

CLOSER TOUCH OF GRAND MASTER.

With the manifold duties and increasing responsibilities of the Grand Master in a jurisdiction as large as this, he cannot hope to be in close fraternal relation with the subordinate Lodges, without devoting all of his time to the office. This he cannot do, and it should not be required of him.

With the cheerful assent and coöperation of the Brethren, however, the Grand Master hopes to be kept fully advised of the transactions of the Lodges by requesting the several Secretaries thereof to report to him separately through the District Deputies, in addition to reports now acquired, immediately after each Stated or Extra meeting, upon blanks to be furnished for that purpose, giving

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Number of Petitions presented.

Number of Petitions rejected.

Number initiated.

Number present at meeting.

Number present at refreshments or social hour, if any.

Number of visitors present.

Grand or District Grand Officers present.

Special Masonic events.

Social occasions, addresses on Masonic subjects, etc.

These reports will enable the Grand Master to review the work before the close of his term, and to submit to Grand Lodge quarterly comments, should he desire to do so. The continued welfare of Masonry in the respective Communities of our Jurisdiction demands closer touch with and effectual supervision of each subordinate unit. A Lodge becomes a menace when it fails to maintain the honor and dignity of the Fraternity, and the lofty standards established for it by Grand Lodge, and should be as amenable to discipline as an erring Brother.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

It being recognized that the most efficient way to help is to make self-helpful, and that, therefore, the necessity of a Brother should be the concern of all. A brotherhood based upon any other theory is not enduring. Grand Lodge has, also, wisely recognized an employment bureau, the results of which have been most gratifying, and as an object lesson to the Fraternity we commend it most highly to the Lodge as an effectual method or system of getting into closer touch with those who may need assistance, by the Lodge or at the hands of a Brother. This duty, however, devolves upon you Brethren as individuals. You cannot delegate it or quicken the divine spark of human kindness, so often lusterless and cold within the human breast, except by your own brotherly, unselfish and tireless personal interest.

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Masonry is a dead letter, and the task to which it is solemnly consecrated is wholly undone, whenever its tenderest precepts are not exemplified in our daily lives. Its pervading spirit of love and its warmth of fraternal greeting and cheer can be recognized and made effective only through those who are of its charmed circle.

“ The timely hand stretched forth to aid
A brother in his need;
A kindly word in grief's dark hour,
That proves a friend indeed.”

Thus alone can we cast the benign light of Masonry's genius, illumine its real mission, and convey its unerring message.

THOMAS RANKEN PATTON MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

In September, 1919, the Thomas R. Patton bequest for the establishment and maintenance of an institution, preferably for the support and education of male orphan children of Master Masons, becomes available.

Brother PATTON's will provides, *inter alia*, that Grand Lodge by its duly constituted Trustees shall “ determine when and where and under what circumstances and in what manner to commence the said institution.”

There are now at the Homes thirty-three splendid young boys, who need better educational facilities, and the vision which Brother PATTON saw is becoming clearly apparent to all.

Much preliminary work needs to be determined to properly establish an institution such as is contemplated by Brother PATTON's will. The years pass by so swiftly, and the contemplated school already necessary, that it behooves the Trustees in order to make this institution worthy of the philanthropic donor, and an honor as well to Grand Lodge to which this great beneficence was entrusted, to evolve a compre-

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hensive plan of constructive action for submission to Grand Lodge in due time.

The dignity, importance and availability of this institution requires that its location be carefully considered. If it is thought wise to locate it on the ample grounds of the Masonic community at Elizabethtown, Pa., the Committee on Masonic Homes should be apprised and be governed thereby in the development of the Homes ground.

The Fraternity is fortunate in having among its members many accomplished and distinguished educators who would gladly and freely give to the Trustees the benefit of their wise counsel and experience.

LANDMARKS AND CONSTITUTION.

The Grand Master is solemnly pledged to and shall abide by the Ancient Usages, Customs and Landmarks of Freemasonry, and to see duly enforced the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This sacred and inviolable duty devolves upon you, Brethren, as well, and we must not, therefore, urge differently.

A LARGER VISION.

The Fraternity has not been unmindful of the dominant themes of Grand Masters, admonishing its Votaries "to serve" and "to be imbued with the spirit of Masonry," and how better is it accomplished than by engaging as individuals in our respective communities, in all those activities that are for the glory of God, our Country and the Fraternity; the world more than ever before needs men of vision, courage and conviction, who conquer by the mighty influences of moral, upright and self-sacrificing lives. The spirit of civilization and the spirit of Masonry do and must of necessity go hand in hand, moving ever forward with equal and exact strides in the progress of humanity, each in the trend

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of a ceaseless evolution that is perhaps carrying us day by day towards an idealism of which manhood has ever dreamed. This call to broader and more unselfish duty should, therefore, be the dominant note of brotherly love and kindness, and of mutual uplift and helpfulness of suffering humanity.

We are associated together for purposes that are holy and not for private interest, we profess much, and much shall be required of us. With the re-birth of the nations shall come greater opportunities for deeper impress and wider spread of the increasing purposes of the world's institution, which we are pleased to call Freemasonry, destined to reign in the hearts of men, and having for its ultimate goal universal brotherhood, and a world holy empire, wherein there is but one King and that King God.

Its doors of noblest opportunity, established in wondrous beauty and strength by the founders of Ancient Craft Masonry, whose inspiring voices are heard even through the deadly tumult of this sad hour of world madness, bidding us as "Craftsmen that need not be ashamed" to perform the labor its precepts enjoin, to diffuse the light of its tenets held so dear, and to abide its Temples of Truth, Civic Righteousness, and International Comity, wherein the soul of humanity is the impelling concern, and not the death dealing shrapnel.

From the Rule of Faith and Conduct upon our holy altars let us read the admonition :

"I beseech you therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

"Be ye kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another."

"When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow."

APPOINTMENTS.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE announced the appointment of the following Brethren for the ensuing Mañonic year:

Grand Chaplains:

JAMES W. ROBINS	Lodge No. 121
CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD	Lodge No. 221
J. GRAY BOLTON	Lodge No. 59
GRAFTON T. REYNOLDS	Lodge No. 219
WILLIAM B. CHALFANT	Lodge No. 236
FRANK B. LYNCH	Lodge No. 528
THOMAS M. JACKSON	Lodge No. 126
ROBERT HUNTER	Lodge No. 59
JOSEPH W. MILES	Lodge No. 513
JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF	Lodge No. 246
RICHARD MONTGOMERY	Lodge No. 289
MAITLAND ALEXANDER	Lodge No. 576
A. LAWRENCE MILLER	Lodge No. 294
GEORGE W. WELLBURN	Lodge No. 291
FRANCIS M. TAIT	Lodge No. 352
ETHELBERT TALBOT	Lodge No. 648

Senior Grand Deacon:

JOHN F. LAEDLEIN	Lodge No. 106
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Junior Grand Deacon:

RICHARD E. COCHRAN	Lodge No. 266
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Grand Stewards:

J. SIMPSON KLINE	Lodge No. 632
OLIVER G. FERGUSON.....	Lodge No. 508

Grand Marshal:

GEORGE B. WELLS.....	Lodge No. 59
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Grand Sword Bearer:

JOHN B. PATTERSON	Lodge No. 187
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Grand Pursuivant:

DIETRICK LAMADE	Lodge No. 397
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Grand Tyler:

WILLIAM B. JOSLYN	Lodge No. 274
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Secretary to Grand Master:

GEORGE F. KNIGHTLodge No. 59

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:

JOSEPH W. THOMPSONLodge No. 75

THOMAS W. AYERSLodge No. 2

EUGENE ZIEGLERLodge No. 67

WILLIAM J. BARR.....Lodge No. 289

ROBERT J. SCOTT.....Lodge No. 456

Trustees of the Girard Bequest:

HENRY F. MITCHELLLodge No. 134

ROBERT W. MONTGOMERYLodge No. 441

HENRY G. BRUNERLodge No. 432

PAUL J. PONTIUSLodge No. 607

EDWARD T. ALBURGERLodge No. 135

Trustees of the Title to the Masonic Temple and other Real Estate of Grand Lodge:

GEORGE S. GRAHAMLodge No. 52

GEORGE T. OLIVERLodge No. 219

H. OSCAR KLINELodge No. 320

FRANK M. TREXLERLodge No. 333

JAMES W. LATTA.....Lodge No. 72

Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund:

EDMUND D. SCHOLEYLodge No. 126

THOMAS R. PATTONLodge No. 121

McCLUNEY RADCLIFFELodge No. 441

FREDERICK PAUL SHERLodge No. 368

WILLIAM R. SUTCHLodge No. 450

Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest:

JOHN WEAVERLodge No. 126

HENRY W. SMITHLodge No. 481

GEORGE J. SCHAEFERLodge No. 385

JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON.....Lodge No. 230

THOMAS L. HICKS.....Lodge No. 605

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Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds:

BENJAMIN EISEMAN	Lodge No. 274
EDWIN S. STUART	Lodge No. 271
CHARLES H. EDMUNDS	Lodge No. 481
ELI EDMUNDSON, JR.	Lodge No. 221
JAMES MACKLIN	Lodge No. 376

Trustees of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequests:

THOMAS C. STELLWAGEN	Lodge No. 121
ROBERT GRAHAM	Lodge No. 121
PETER M. MACLAREN	Lodge No. 654
FRANCIS L. BORIE	Lodge No. 456
WILLIAM W. ALLEN	Lodge No. 121

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(As designated by resolution of Grand Lodge, December 27, 1907.)

JAMES B. KRAUSE,	
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JOHN S. SELL,	
R. W. D. G. M.	Lodge No. 518
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R. W. S. G. W.	Lodge No. 449
SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR,	
R. W. J. G. W.	Lodge No. 197
GEORGE B. ORLADY,	
R. W. P. G. M.	Lodge No. 300
J. HENRY WILLIAMS,	
R. W. P. G. M.	Lodge No. 59
EDWARD W. PATTON	Lodge No. 543
GEORGE W. MCCANDLESS	Lodge No. 484
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Grand Master.

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JESSE E. B. CUNNINGHAMLodge No. 629

GEORGE M. PATTERSON.....Lodge No. 249

Committee on By-Laws:

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WILLIAM D. ASNIPLodge No. 519

WILLIAM P. KAMMERERLodge No. 91

WILLIS B. HEIDINGERLodge No. 135

CHARLES S. WOODLodge No. 59

Committee on Printing and Publishing:

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EDWARD A. STOCKTONLodge No. 158

G. ELLWOOD WAGNERLodge No. 52

FREDERICK H. MACINTIRELodge No. 450

THOMAS J. S. NICELYLodge No. 607

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Committee on Temple:

JOSEPH E. QUINBY	Lodge No. 298
CHARLES F. BOWER	Lodge No. 134
J. LEE PATTON	Lodge No. 444
JOHN D. CASSELL	Lodge No. 419
JOHN W. EMSLEY	Lodge No. 9

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SAMUEL W. LATTA	Lodge No. 631
HARMAN YERKES	Lodge No. 245
NORRIS S. BARRATT	Lodge No. 2
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WILLIAM B. BROOMALL	Lodge No. 236
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Committee on Masonic Homes:

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Lodge No. 397

The Deputy Grand Master,

JOHN S. SELL

Lodge No. 518

The Senior Grand Warden,

ABRAHAM M. BEITLER

Lodge No. 449

The Junior Grand Warden,

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R. W. P. G. M.

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Lodge No. 464

ANDREW H. HERSHEY.....

Lodge No. 43

HENRY C. SCHOCK

Lodge No. 551

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District Deputy Grand Masters:

- A—JAMES E. LORD (Lodge No. 135),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 59, 81, 121, 135, 246, 296, 368,
453, 491, 493 and 609 in Philadelphia.
- B—CARL A. SUNDSTROM (Lodge No. 444),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 2, 9, 71, 114, 155, 419, 444,
450, 543, and 605 in Philadelphia.
- C—GEORGE J. WALENTA (Lodge No. 527),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 3, 67, 91, 186, 271, 385, 393,
470, 527 and 606 in Philadelphia.
- D—CALVIN O. ALTHOUSE (Lodge No. 126),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 19, 52, 126, 130, 158, 187, 380,
624, 661 and 671 in Philadelphia.
- E—ADOLPH EICHHOLZ (Lodge No. 359),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 51, 115, 125, 359, 386, 402,
482, 519, 607 and 654 in Philadelphia.
- F—DUDLEY T. LIMERICK (Lodge No. 134),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 134, 211, 230, 369, 432, 481,
487, 500, 528, 591 and 686 in Philadelphia.
- G—SAMUEL J. BREDIN (Lodge No. 289),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 131, 274, 289, 436, 449, 529,
600, 636, 645 and 659 in Philadelphia.
- H—JOHN E. McCULLY (Lodge No. 72),
of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 72, 292, 295, 384, 441, 456,
506, 610, 631, 646 and 690 in Philadelphia.
- 1—THADDEUS G. HELM (Lodge No. 43),
of Lancaster, for the County of Lancaster.
- 2—WILLIAM S. SNYDER (Lodge No. 464),
of Harrisburg, for the Counties of Dauphin and Lebanon.
- 3—CLARENCE W. MUSSER (Lodge No. 143),
of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Franklin
and Fulton, except Lodge No. 586.
- 4—GEORGE H. SHIRK (Lodge No. 348),
of Hanover, for Lodges Nos. 336 and 465 in Adams County,
Lodges Nos. 348 and 423 in York County, and Lodge No. 586
in Franklin County.

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- 5—CHARLES A. SULLIVAN (Lodge No. 383),
of Coatesville, for Lodges Nos. 309, 322, 340, 343, 383, 405,
564 and 569 in Chester County.
- 6—THADDEUS S. ADLE (Lodge No. 190),
of Norristown, for Lodges Nos. 190, 273, 310, 420, 558 and
620 in Montgomery County and Lodge No. 581 in Delaware
County.
- 7—JENKIN HILL (Lodge No. 435),
of Reading, for the County of Berks.
- 8—EDGAR S. NASH (Lodge No. 400),
of Wyncote, for the County of Bucks (except Lodge No. 567),
and for Lodges Nos. 308, 400 and 410 in Montgomery County.
- 9—JOSEPH F. ANDREWS (Lodge No. 152),
of Easton, for Lodges Nos. 152, 283, 396, 563, 637 and 648
in Northampton County and Lodge No. 567 in Bucks County.
- 10—MILTON P. SCHANTZ (Lodge No. 333),
of Allentown, for the Counties of Carbon and Lehigh, except
Lodges Nos. 242, 621 and 677 in Carbon County.
- 11—WILLIAM S. PUGH (Lodge No. 216),
of Pottsville, for the County of Schuylkill and Lodge No. 677
in Carbon County.
- 12—HAROLD N. RUST (Lodge No. 61),
of Wilkes-Barre, for the County of Luzerne, except Lodges
Nos. 327, 467 and 611.
- 13—THOMAS F. WELLS (Lodge No. 323),
of Scranton, for the County of Lackawanna.
- 14—EARL ROCKWELL (Lodge No. 330),
of Ariel, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.
- 15—HOMER E. SPENCER (Lodge No. 360),
of Susquehanna, for the Counties of Susquehanna and
Wyoming, except Lodges Nos. 248 and 263.
- 16—JOHN W. CODDING (Lodge No. 108),
of Towanda, for the Counties of Bradford (except Lodge No.
415) and Sullivan, and Lodges Nos. 248 and 263 in Wyoming
County.

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- 17—HOWARD F. MARSH (Lodge No. 317),
of Wellsboro, for the County of Tioga.
- 18—ARTHUR L. PEPPERMAN (Lodge No. 106),
of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming and Union,
and Lodge No. 415 in Bradford County.
- 19—EZRA C. DOTY (Lodge No. 324),
of Mifflintown, for the Counties of Perry, Juniata and Mifflin.
- 20—HENRY H. BAISH (Lodge No. 281),
of Altoona, for the County of Blair.
- 21—W. HARRISON WALKER (Lodge No. 268),
of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Centre and Clearfield, and
for Lodge No. 534 in Jefferson County.
- 22—LYMAN M. FINNEY (Lodge No. 334),
of Bradford, for the County of McKean.
- 23—WILLIAM J. GEALY (Lodge No. 363),
of Oil City, for the Counties of Warren, Forest and Venango,
except Lodge No. 552.
- 24—DAVID A. SAWDEY (Lodge No. 392),
of Erie, for the County of Erie.
- 25—ADRIAN W. MCCOY (Lodge No. 234),
of Meadville, for the County of Crawford.
- 26—JOHN S. WALLACE (Lodge No. 433),
of New Castle, for the Counties of Mercer and Lawrence,
except Lodge No. 411.
- 27—WILLIAM B. MEREDITH (Lodge No. 244),
of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion
and Jefferson (except Lodges Nos. 429, 437 and 534), and for
Lodge No. 552 in Venango County.
- 28—WILLIAM M. HAMILTON (Lodge No. 576),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 45, 219, 221, 231, 253 and 691 in
Allegheny County.
- 29—RALPH M. ALLISON (Lodge No. 164),
of Washington, for the Counties of Washington and Greene,
except Lodges Nos. 337, 461, 615 and 626 in Washington
County.

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- 30—R. KAY PORTSER (Lodge No. 518),
of Greensburg, for the County of Westmoreland, except Lodges
Nos. 617 and 638.
- 31—JOHN M. CORE (Lodge No. 228),
of Uniontown, for the County of Fayette, except Lodge No. 643.
- 32—CLARENCE A. FERGUSON (Lodge No. 430),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 288, 430, 448, 502, 525, 573 and
676 in Allegheny County.
- 33—J. HARRIS MUSSINA (Lodge No. 199),
of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Clinton, Elk and Cameron.
- 34—HOWARD C. FRONTZ (Lodge No. 300),
of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Huntingdon and Bedford.
- 35—HARVEY A. MCKILLIP (Lodge No. 265),
of Bloomsburg, for the Counties of Montour and Columbia.
- 36—A. G. CRISWELL SMITH (Lodge No. 298),
of Media, for the County of Delaware (except Lodge No.
581), and for Lodges Nos. 353, 475 and 545 in Chester County.
- 37—JAMES K. SCOTT (Lodge No. 229),
of Pittsburgh, for the County of Beaver, for Lodge No. 429 in
Butler County, and for Lodge No. 411 in Lawrence County.
- 38—WILLIAM A. JORDAN (Lodge No. 647),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 510, 548, 582, 590, 647, 656, 683
and 685 in Allegheny County.
- 39—WILLIAM S. DAUGHERTY (Lodge No. 313),
of Indiana, for the County of Indiana, Lodge No. 617 in
Westmoreland County, and Lodge No. 437 in Armstrong
County.
- 40—WILLIAM H. MAXWELL (Lodge No. 254),
of Pottstown, for Lodges Nos. 254, 585 and 595 in Mont-
gomery County, and Lodges Nos. 75, 446 and 553 in Chester
County.
- 41—JOHN G. BROAD (Lodge No. 278),
of South Fork, for the Counties of Cambria and Somerset.
- 42—GEORGE HAY KAIN (Lodge No. 266),
of York, for Lodges Nos. 266, 451, 503, 649 and 663 in York
County.

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- 43—WILLIAM DANA MCBRYAR (Lodge No. 526),
of Elizabeth, for Lodges Nos. 337, 461, 615 and 626 in Washington County, Lodge No. 526 in Allegheny County, Lodge No. 638 in Westmoreland County and Lodge No. 643 in Fayette County.
- 44—ERNEST L. WENTWORTH (Lodge No. 342),
of Coudersport, for the County of Potter.
- 45—IRA G. ROSS (Lodge No. 242),
of Mauch Chunk, for Lodges Nos. 327, 467, 611 and 687 in Luzerne County, and Lodges Nos. 242 and 621 in Carbon County.
- 46—FREDERIC A. GODCHARLES (Lodge No. 256),
of Milton, for the Counties of Northumberland and Snyder.
- 47—WILLIAM D. MCILROY (Lodge No. 219),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 269, 509, 513, 544, 652, 653, 669, 674 and 684 in Allegheny County.
- 48—J. HARVEY HARRISON (Lodge No. 321),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 321, 546, 608, 634 and 635 in Allegheny County.
- 49—JOHN A. CAUGHEY (Lodge No. 583),
of McKeesport, for Lodges Nos. 375, 583, 612, 613 and 641 in Allegheny County.
- 50—JOSEPH M. KERR (Lodge No. 628),
of Stroudsburg, for Lodges Nos. 325 and 628 in Monroe County and 311, 413, 565, 594 and 622 in Northampton County.
- 51—BENJAMIN PAGE (Lodge No. 679),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 287, 390, 484, 508 and 535 in Allegheny County.
- 52—ALBERT C. ROHLAND (Lodge No. 608),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 576, 650, 678, 679 and 680 in Allegheny County.
- 53—SION B. SMITH (Lodge No. 530),
of Pittsburgh, for Lodges Nos. 223, 318, 374, 530, 630 and 657 in Allegheny County.

Instructor of Work:

WILLIAM B. JOSLYN (Lodge No. 274),
of Philadelphia.

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JOHN L. GREGORY	Lodge No.	2
FRANK T. WECKERLY	"	3
EDWARD B. REEDER	"	9
JOHN M. WATT	"	19
JOHN M. ZOOK	"	51
WILLIAM H. LOWNSBURY, JR.	"	52
FRANKLIN F. CARTLEDGE	"	59
WILLIAM H. ZIEGLER	"	67
JAMES BAWN	"	71
WILLIAM R. MOONEY	"	72
LEWIS R. WORRELL	"	81
THOMAS E. REILLY	"	91
J. MORRIS MASSEY	"	114
WALTER J. BACHMANN	"	115
THOMAS W. SPARKS	"	121
CARL A. BURGER	"	125
B. FRANK DUFFIELD	"	126
ALONZO J. KITCHEN	"	130
ALBERT W. JARMAN	"	131
ROBERT C. STRAFFORD	"	134
WILLIAM T. WESTERMAN	"	135
GEORGE TURNER	"	155
ALBERT C. OEHRLE	"	158
THOMAS S. WILTBANK	"	186
WILLIAM MORROW	"	187
GEORGE F. POWELL	"	211
GEORGE S. HOLMES	"	230
JUSTIN P. ALLMAN	"	246
CHARLES W. RIDGWAY	"	271
EDGAR S. LOUGEE	"	274
WILLIAM R. BROWN	"	289
EDWIN STEARNE	"	292
WILLIAM EISEMAN	"	295
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GEORGE H. FRIEDMANN	"	359
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JOHN W. MEYER	"	369
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ALBERT S. HOULDSWORTH	Lodge No. 385
ADOLPHUS G. BUVINGER	" 386
OTTO DREYDOPPEL	" 393
FORREST E. GORDON	" 402
HENRY E. SEYMOUR	" 419
FRANK G. ENGLISH	" 432
JOHN G. CLEMENTS	" 436
SAMUEL R. FOSTER	" 441
ANDREW S. SMITH	" 444
WILLIAM H. SIVEL	" 449
ALBERT E. BENDER	" 450
JOHN H. DRAPER	" 453
SAMUEL C. KANE	" 456
WILLIAM ROBINSON	" 470
HENRY S. HAZLETT	" 481
THOMAS F. GROSS	" 482
THOMAS W. BEARDWOOD	" 487
T. HERBERT ONYX	" 491
CHARLES RIEDER, JR.	" 493
J. HARRY OLIVER	" 500
GEORGE W. MORRISON	" 506
SAMUEL LAMOND	" 519
MILTON A. NEFF	" 527
RICHARD TAYLOR	" 528
EDWIN R. COX	" 529
JOHN LAWRENCE	" 543
MORTON GARTON	" 591
JAMISON LOTT, JR.	" 600
FRED C. DWYER	" 605
ELVIN S. RODGERS	" 606
WILLIAM H. LOUGHERY	" 607
JOHN E. POORE	" 609
WALTER N. COLLINGS	" 610
JOSEPH SMALLEY, JR.	" 624
PRESTON W. OREM	" 631
JOSEPH COMBS	" 636
ISAAC C. YOCUM	" 645
SYDNEY M. DETURCK	" 646
JOHN L. CRAIG	" 654
JOHN R. FOX	" 659

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FRANK D. BUSER	Lodge No.	661
CHARLES H. BUCKLEY	"	671
WILLIAM R. NEWGEON	"	686
MURDOCH KENDRICK	"	690

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EZRA COMFORT	Lodge No.	2
JOHN B. ALLEN	"	3
SAMUEL SIGLER	"	9
JAMES ARNOLD	"	19
OWEN B. JENKINS	"	51
JOHN H. BROMLEY, JR.	"	52
ROBERT J. SPRATT	"	59
ADOLPH HAUG	"	67
HARRY C. DAVIS	"	71
HENRY S. REED	"	72
WALTER BOWDITCH	"	81
ALBERT E. BURNS	"	91
ROBERT W. VOGT	"	114
WILLIAM D. GARITEE	"	115
EDWIN KELLY	"	121
AUGUST GEISSEL, JR.	"	125
CHARLES ROHRDROMMEL	"	126
ELWOOD CADWALLADER	"	130
CHARLES B. KLINE	"	131
JOSEPH P. DREW	"	134
ROBERT INNES	"	135
MILLER BROWN	"	155
WILLIAM G. NEBIG	"	158
CHARLES F. KNIGHT	"	186
GEORGE W. KELLY	"	187
JACOB G. BUNN	"	211
WESLEY S. SMITH	"	230
WILLIAM M. MANEELY	"	246
SAMUEL DAVIS	"	271
HARRY K. LEECH	"	274
JOHN M. MATHERS	"	289
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JOSEPH H. NOBLE	Lodge No. 368
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FRED M. BUCKLEY	" 380
CHARLES PETERS	" 384
CHARLES SUMMERFIELD	" 385
GEORGE J. EDWARDS, JR.	" 386
GEORGE F. MEESER	" 393
THOMAS D. FERGUSON	" 402
WILLIAM H. PEARCE	" 419
WILLIAM M. WEBER	" 432
G. SECKEL HEADMAN	" 436
SAMUEL CAMPBELL	" 441
WILLIAM QUERNS	" 444
REUBEN G. ALFORD	" 449
GEORGE W. MORRIS	" 450
JOHN C. VARWIG	" 453
COLIN DEANS, JR.	" 456
RICHARD COPE	" 470
WILLIAM H. MONTGOMERY	" 481
JAMES CREELMAN	" 482
WILLIAM H. MURPHY	" 487
WILLIAM T. WOODS	" 491
HARVEY H. HUBBERT	" 493
WILLIAM I. AUSTIN	" 500
JOSEPH H. BROWN, JR.	" 506
EMIL J. STROH	" 519
JOHN B. LLEWELLYN	" 527
GEORGE J. BURNS	" 528
JOSEPH GLADING	" 529
GEORGE W. LYSTER	" 543
JACOB BUSCHHOFF	" 591
FREDERICK MERZ	" 600
GUY H. HOERNER	" 605
HARRY D. SPROWLES	" 606
MARVIN M. EAVENSON	" 607
CLARENCE R. BROOKS	" 609
JOHN C. WISENER	" 610
WILLIAM S. WRAY	" 624
PAUL REILLY	" 631
FREDERICK W. SCHAEFER	" 636
CHARLES CRANE, JR.	" 645

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ALLEN C. MIDDLETON	Lodge No. 646
EUGENE H. MOUNT	" 654
JAMES R. PHILLIPS	" 659
GEORGE G. YOUNG	" 661
GEORGE D. FEIDT	" 671
FERNAND BARUCH	" 686
THEODORE J. GRAYSON	" 690

Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund:

JAMES GAY GORDON, JR.	Lodge No. 2
WILLIAM W. THOMSON	" 3
JAMES E. M. KELLER	" 9
JOHN A. BESSELIEVRE	" 19
ANTHONY P. VALENTINE, JR.	" 51
JOHN H. GEIL	" 52
HORATIO DONEHOWER	" 59
WILLIAM B. BICKER	" 67
WILLIAM H. HILSEE	" 71
ROBERT E. HENSZEY	" 72
JOHN ROBINSON	" 81
GEORGE L. TALLMAN	" 91
JAMES O. HODGE	" 114
RICHARD P. MOGRIDGE	" 115
ANDREW G. WALLACE	" 121
GEORGE R. J. BURGERT	" 125
WILLIAM J. MCKEE	" 126
WILLIAM H. McMILLAN	" 130
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ISAIAH T. RYAN	" 135
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WALTER JONES	" 296
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W. CLARE ELLIOTT	" 380
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WILLIAM McCOMBS	" 386
GEORGE W. SAUTER	" 393
OTTO RANGNOW	" 402
JULIUS E. BLAMBERG	" 419
JOHN FETCH	" 432
FRANK C. HEADMAN	" 436
WILLIAM DICK	" 441
LEROY N. KING	" 444
HENRY C. HAUSMAN	" 449
GEORGE H. DRAHN	" 450
HENRY G. SCHUEHLER	" 453
WILLIAM McCOACH	" 456
LEE BURGESS	" 470
CHARLES H. BRELSFORD	" 481
WILLIAM H. WALTER	" 482
WILLIAM L. MEGARY	" 487
LEWIS W. METZGER	" 491
FREDERICK OELSCHLAGER, JR.	" 493
WILLIAM F. ENGLEHART, JR.	" 500
CHARLES M. DUDLEY	" 506
CHARLES G. NANGLE	" 519
HARRY W. SHELLY	" 527
JOHN D. APPLEGATE	" 528
WALTER E. BRAND	" 529
I. FRANK OAT	" 543
ROBERT T. MURPHY, JR.	" 591
CASPER M. TITUS	" 600
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BRONZE BUST OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY addressed Grand Lodge as follows, and on behalf of Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland, presented a bronze bust of George Washington as a Mason:

Right Worshipful Grand Master:

The intimate fraternal relations between members of this Craft in Pennsylvania and Maryland have continued for so long a time that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. Yet, authentic record of their original association is founded on chronicles of fraternal certainty, and the harmonious intercourse has been so pleasantly continued to the present day that we may well assume that our blessings are in part the fruition of the services held by Lodge No. 1, of Maryland, on St. John the Evangelist's day (1765), 152 years ago, when divine service was held and the sermon-lecture delivered by the Grand Master was taken from the text of Hebrews, 13th chapter and first verse (Let Brotherly Love Continue). (Shultz's Freemasonry in Maryland, Vol. 1, p. 45.)

In the very early days of our history this Grand Lodge stood as willing sponsor for the Grand Lodge of Maryland,

and with warrant and charter transfused into that body her patriotism and fraternal zeal by the cession of some of her most prominent members. It is a long call from those early days when the colonies were being formed into a coherent political organization, and Freemasonry was being transplanted from England to the western world. One of the most prominent and enduring figures of that period remains to us to-day, with the title, "Father of His Country," while he was a member of one of our subordinate Lodges. His record is undimmed by the passing of the centuries, and he is as attractive an exemplar of Masonic truths as he was statesman and soldier at the birth of our new Republic. His statue stands in every Capitol, his fame is co-extensive with civilization, his political wisdom and personal integrity are texts for citizenship the whole world round.

The most attractive and speaking figure-memorial of this great man, as determined by artists and co-temporaneous critics, is the statue executed by that famous artist-sculptor, Jean Antoine Houdon (a member of Loge des veuf Soeurs, of Paris, France, of which Dr. Benjamin Franklin and Voltaire were members), in 1788, when the fame of Washington as statesman and military genius was making a profound impression on Continental countries. A brief record of its origin is well worth special mention.

In June, 1784, the General Assembly of Virginia passed the following resolution: "That the Executive be requested to take measures for procuring a statue of General Washington, to be of the finest marble and best workmanship." In pursuance of this request, Governor Harrison commissioned Charles Wilson Peale to draw a full-length picture of the General, directing him, when finished, to forward it to Paris, to the address of Thomas Jefferson, at that time the Minister Plenipotentiary, with Adams and Franklin, to negotiate treaties of commerce with foreign nations. After inspection of the Peale drawing, Houdon was unwilling to

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undertake the statue without a personal examination of the subject. He came to the United States in the same vessel with Dr. Franklin, arriving in Philadelphia in September, 1785, and on October 3d, reached Mount Vernon, where he remained for two weeks engaged in making a cast of the head, and minute measurements of the person of Washington. He returned to Paris about January 1, 1786; the statue, made of the finest Italian marble, was completed in 1788; was the exact size of the subject, six feet two inches in height, and was placed in position in the new Capitol at Richmond, on May 14, 1796. The inscription on the pedestal, composed by James Madison, is as follows: "The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia have caused this Statue to be erected as a monument of affection and gratitude to George Washington, who, uniting to the endowments of the Hero, the virtues of the Patriot, and exerting both in establishing the liberties of his country, has rendered his name dear to his fellow citizens, and given the world an immortal Example of true Glory."

About sixty years ago, a talented and ambitious young artist, Edward A. Valentine, of Richmond, Virginia, inspired by love of the things for which Washington stood, adopted the head and pose of the Houdon statue and applied to it Masonic clothing and a Master Mason's Jewel, combining in his design the artistic charm of the great sculptor with the Masonic association of the subject. This conjunction of statesman, patriot and Brother is exceptionally dear to this Fraternity, which has always taught loyalty to government and brotherly love.

During a recent visit to Baltimore, our Librarian, Brother JULIUS F. SACHSE, made a careful study of the Valentine bust, which was in the residence of Brother SHRYOCK, and its history, and, in the interest of the Museum and Library of this Grand Lodge, requested permission for its loan to have a copy made for our Museum. The characteristic

goodness and kindness of the thirty-three times Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland made this possible. The Valentine bust was sent to Brother SACHSE, who was authorized to have three copies of it cast in bronze; one for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, one for the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and one for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, of which Brother SHRYOCK is the President. This work has been completed, and these busts represent the perfection of artistic duplication, under the skilful and critical direction of our Librarian. A copy has been delivered to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, another will be sent to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at Alexandria, and the third now stands in this Grand Lodge Room of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as a donation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, who has contributed the entire cost of these reproductions, and has placed this Grand Lodge under further fraternal obligations, by the unusual donation of his personal Masonic library of nearly 1000 volumes of exceptional value, which are now alcoved in our Library with an appropriate designation.

The fame of the artist-sculptor has been preserved by censorious and living friends, and this duplication of his work is parallel in merit with his recumbent marble figure of General Robert E. Lee, in the mausoleum attached to the Chapel of Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia, which is recognized as among the best specimens of pure sculpture in the United States. The friends of the subject must all be satisfied with these splendid productions of genius and skill.

But doubly dear to us, is our association of him, who has served in the Oriental Chair for a longer period than any Grand Master in the history of the world, and who has so exemplified in his daily life the tenets of our Fraternity that the Masons of Pennsylvania join with their Brethren of

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Maryland in rendering to him the homage that comes from joining wisdom in Craft and world affairs, with the fraternal regard for all who come within the zone of his influence.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as the Voice-man of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, I take special pleasure in presenting, in his name, to this Grand Lodge, this Valentine bust of the "Immortal Washington," in the prayerful hope that this donor may long live to enjoy the merited honors of his active life, and that the lessons taught, by the subject of this memorial and its donor, may be reflected in the continuing intimacy between memberships of these Jurisdictions and the membership of each. Let Brotherly Love continue.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE addressed Most Worshipful Grand Master Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK and said:

We do accept this beautiful gift. On many other occasions you have presented gifts to this Grand Lodge, to our Library and Museum, but among them, not one shall stand out as bold and prominent in the Library as this Bust of Washington. I would request Brother WANAMAKER, Chairman of the Committee on Library, to receive this gift for the Library.

Brother JOHN WANAMAKER, Chairman of Committee on Library, in accepting the bust for the Library, said in part:

I wish to say that I did not think that I was to have such a privilege. I felt deeply impressed with all of this morning's proceedings. I have had the feeling that I sometimes have, as I go to bed, looking at the face of Washington, the man that lived at the beginning; and it seems to me sort of a

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sanctuary. I want to say my prayers there and it thrills me to stand in your presence as I believe this morning that we have in a great measure much more of the spirit and patriotism that we owe to our country; something that makes each of us feel under his power, that in coming into this morning's ceremonies realizing all the privations, the hardships of our fathers, who have handed down to us the flag, who lifted us to where we stand, and with a hope of bringing peace to our country and just one question comes to my mind as I step aside, a question that I have been asking myself, the question is, What can I do to be worthy of such an association, to have my name written among the great men. What can I do for my country? It seems to me that by this new gift, it is a token for us under our great leader, that we have a mission to perform, not only in our Lodge meeting. Coming into our Lodge rooms we lay aside everything of politics and differences are forgotten and we are put in a position where we have to be the best men possible toward other men. He speaks to us the best word in our lives, to stand for the things our flag represents, not to be small and strive for ourselves, but to be true men, whose voices shall be heard the world over, that this country is large enough to give and to help unite the whole world together again, under the leadership of the man who can never die. I thank you very much for this privilege and I hope that every man may have the same feeling which I have. I take it upon myself to do any duty in the little time which I have left in my life and shall only hope that we shall follow in the footsteps of those who made our country the great power that it is and we must remember our old member, the great GENERAL WASHINGTON, which will help us.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother JAMES B. KRAUSE addressed Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother LOUIS A. WATRES and in an

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eloquent manner presented to him a Past Grand Master's Jewel, a Past Grand Master's Apron and the gavel with which he presided during his term of office.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AHIMAN REZON.

The following Amendments to the Ahiman Rezon were offered and laid over for action at the Quarterly Communication to be held in December next.

Resolved, That Article X, Section 5, of the Ahiman Rezon be amended by striking out the words and figures "six cents (6c.)" in the first line, and inserting in lieu thereof, "eight cents (8c.)," so that the section shall read:

"Sec. 5: The sum of eight cents (8c.) per mile shall be paid by Grand Lodge to each Representative of a subordinate Lodge attending the Quarterly Communication in December, and voting therein, to be computed on the distance between the place of meeting of the subordinate Lodge and the City of Philadelphia, for one way only."

Resolved, That Article X, Ahiman Rezon, be amended by striking out Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

Sec. 1. The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived from:

1. Rents of the Masonic Temple Halls, Rooms, etc.
2. Warrants for new Lodges, each . . . \$200.00
3. Dispensations to pass to the Chair, each . . . 10.00
4. Dispensations to enter, pass, or raise, for each degree . . . 10.00
5. Grand Lodge Certificates, each . . . 2.00
6. Ahiman Rezons, each (postage extra) . . . 1.00

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7. Dues and Fees of Subordinate Lodges, viz.:

Dues for each member annually	\$2.00
Fee for each initiation, or admission of a Brother from another Jurisdiction	20.00
(Which fee shall be for Masonic Home purposes only and be a part of the annual appropriation made by the Grand Lodge for that account.)	

From the above sources of revenue, all appropriations shall be made annually by the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication in December only; and such appropriations shall not be diverted for any other purpose than specified.

Interesting addresses were made by the following Grand Officers from other Jurisdictions:

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK,
Grand Master of Masons in Maryland,

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE B. HYNSON,
Grand Master of Masons in Delaware,

Right Worshipful Brother A. VICTOR HUGHES,
Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Delaware,

Most Worshipful Brother HARRY J. GUTHRIE,
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware,

Most Worshipful Brother JOSIAH W. EWAN,
Past Grand Master of New Jersey.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 2 o'clock, 30 minutes, P.M.

John A. Perry
Grand Secretary

APPENDIX.

LIST OF LODGES ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ACCORDING TO PLACES OF MEETING.

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Albion	No. 24.....	Western Star	304
Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 53.....	Allegheny	223
" "	" 32.....	Jefferson	288
" "	" 53.....	McKinley	318
" "	" 53.....	Davage	374
" "	" 32.....	Stuckrath	430
" "	" 32.....	Ionic	525.
" "	" 32.....	Park	676
Allentown	" 10.....	Barger	333
"	" 10.....	Greenleaf	561
"	" 10.....	Jordan	673
"	" 10.....	Edwin G. Martin	689
Altoona	" 20.....	Mountain	281
"	" 20.....	Logan	490
"	" 20.....	Hiram	616
Apollo	" 39.....	Apollo	437
Ardmore	" 6.....	Cassia	273
Ashland	" 11.....	Ashland	294
Ashley	" 12.....	Coalville	474
Athens	" 16.....	Rural Amity	70
Austin	" 44.....	Arcana	580
Bangor	" 50.....	Bangor	565
Bath	" 50	Manoquesy	413
Beallsville	" 29.....	Beallsville	237
Beaver	" 37.....	St. James	457
Beaver Falls	" 37.....	Beaver Valley	478
" "	" 37.....	Parian	662
Bedford	" 34	Bedford	320
Bellefonte	" 21.....	Bellefonte	268
Belle Vernon	" 43.....	Belle Vernon	643
Bellevue	" 53.....	Bellevue	530
"	" 53.....	Avalon	657
Benton	" 35.....	Benton	667
Berwick	" 35.....	Knapp	462
Bethlehem	" 9.....	Bethlehem	283
Birdsboro	" 7.....	Union	479
Blairsville	" 39.....	Acacia	355
Bloomsburg	" 35.....	Washington	265
Blossburg	" 17.....	Bloss	350
Braddock	" 38	Braddock's Field	510

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Bradford	No. 22.....	Union	334
Bristol	" 8.....	Bristol	25
Brookville	" 27.....	Hobah	276
Brownsville	" 31.....	Brownsville	60
Burgettstown	" 29.....	Richard Vaux	454
Butler	" 27.....	Butler	272
California	" 43.....	Monongahela Valley ...	461
Cambridge Springs	" 25.....	Covenant	473
Camp Hill	" 3.....	West Shore	681
Canonsburg	" 29.....	Chartiers	297
Canton	" 18.....	Canton	415
Carbondale	" 13.....	Carbondale	249
Carlisle	" 3.....	Cumberland Star	197
"	" 3.....	St. John's	260
Carnegie	" 47.....	Centennial	544
"	" 47.....	La Fayette	652
Catasauqua	" 10.....	Porter	284
Catawissa	" 35.....	Catawissa	349
Center Hall	" 21.....	Old Fort	537
Chambersburg	" 3.....	George Washington	143
Charleroi	" 43.....	Charleroi	615
Chester	" 36.....	Chester	236
"	" 36.....	Lucius H. Scott	352
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.	A.....	Hiram	81
Chicora	No. 27.....	Argyle	540
Christiana	" 1.....	Christiana	417
Clarion	" 27	Clarion	277
Clark's Summit	" 13	Waverly	301
Claysville	" 29.....	Claysville	447
Clearfield	" 21.....	Clearfield	314
Coalport	" 21.....	Coalport	574
Coatesville	" 5.....	Goddard	383
"	" 5.....	Coatesville	564
Cochranville	" 5.....	Skerrett	343
Collegeville	" 6.....	Warren	310
Columbia	" 1.....	Columbia	286
Columbus	" 23	Columbus	264
Concordville	" 36.....	Concord	625
Conneautville	" 25.....	Western Crawford.....	258
Connellsville	" 31	King Solomon's	346
Conshohocken	" 6.....	Fritz	420
Coopersburg	" 10.....	Saucon	469
Coraopolis	" 47.....	Coraopolis	674
Corry	" 24.....	Corry	365

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Coudersport	No. 44.....	Eulalia	342
Crafton	" 47.....	Crafton	653
Cressona	" 11.....	Cressona	426
Curwensville	" 21.....	Noble	480
Dallas	" 12.....	George M. Dallas	531
Danville	" 35.....	Danville	224
"	" 35.....	Mahoning	516
Dawson	" 31.....	James Cochran	614
Derry Station	" 30.....	La Monte	568
Donora	" 43.....	Donora	626
Dormont	" 47.....	Dormont	684
Downingtown	" 5.....	Williamson	309
Doylestown	" 8.....	Doylestown	245
Driftwood	" 33.....	Driftwood	532
DuBois	" 21.....	Garfield	559
Duke Center	" 22.....	Northern Star	555
Dunmore	" 13.....	King Solomon	584
East Brady	" 27.....	East Brady	640
East Greenville	" 40.....	Perkiomen	595
Easton	" 9.....	Easton	152
"	" 9.....	Dallas	396
East Smithfield	" 16.....	Smithfield	428
East Stroudsburg	" 50.....	J. Simpson Africa	628
Ebensburg	" 41.....	Summit	312
Edenburg, Knox P. O.	" 27.....	Edenburg	550
Edinboro	" 24.....	Oasis	416
Eldred	" 22.....	Eldred	560
Elizabeth	" 43.....	Stephen Bayard	526
Elizabethtown	" 1.....	.....	682
Elkland	" 17.....	Osceola	421
Ellwood City	" 26.....	Ellwood	599
Elysburg	" 46.....	Elysburg	414
Emlenton	" 27.....	Allegheny Valley	552
Emporium	" 33.....	Emporium	382
Enon Valley	" 37.....	Meridian	411
Ephrata	" 1.....	Ephrata	665
Erie	" 24.....	Tyrian	362
"	" 24.....	Perry	392
"	" 24.....	Keystone	455
Everett	" 34.....	Everett	524
Factoryville	" 15.....	Factoryville	341
Falls of Schuylkill, Phila- delphia	C.....	Palestine	470

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Fayette City	No. 31.....	Gummert	252
Fawn Grove	" 42.....	Friendship	663
Forest City	" 15.....	Forest City	439
Fort Washington	" 8.....	Fort Washington	308
Frankford, Philadelphia ...	H.....	Frankford	292
" "	H.....	Jerusalem	506
Franklin	No. 23.....	Myrtle	316
Freeland	" 45.....	Arbutus	611
Freeport	" 27.....	Armstrong	239
Galeton	" 44.....	Galeton	602
Germantown, Philadelphia .	A.....	Mitchell	296
" "	D.....	Henry W. Williams	624
Gettysburg	No. 4.....	Good Samaritan	336
Girard	" 24.....	Lake Erie	347
Great Bend	" 15.....	Great Bend	338
Greencastle	" 3.....	Mount Pisgah	443
Greensburg	" 30.....	Philanthropy	225
"	" 30.....	Westmoreland	518
Green Tree Station	" 5.....	Thomson	340
Greenville	" 26.....	Eureka	290
Grove City	" 26.....	Grove City	603
Hamburg	" 7.....	Vaux	406
Hamlin	" 14.....	Salem	330
Hanover	" 4.....	Patmos	348
Harrisburg	" 2.....	Perseverance	21
"	" 2.....	Robert Burns	464
"	" 2.....	Harrisburg	629
Harrison Valley	" 44.....	Adelpha	592
Hatboro	" 8.....	W. K. Bray	410
Hawley	" 14.....	Hawley	305
Hazleton	" 45.....	Hazle	327
"	" 45.....	Azalea	687
Hellertown	" 9.....	Hellertown	563
Hollidaysburg	" 20.....	Portage	220
"	" 20.....	Juniata	282
Homestead	" 38.....	Homestead	582
"	" 38.....	Amity	685
Honesdale	" 14.....	Honesdale	218
Honeybrook	" 5.....	Howell	405
Hop Bottom	" 15.....	Harford	445
Hummelstown	" 2.....	Brownstone	666
Huntingdon	" 34.....	Mount Moriah	300
Hyndman	" 34.....	Hyndman	589

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Indiana	No. 39	Indiana	313
Irwin	" 30	Shidle	601
Jackson	" 15.....	Freedom	328
Jamestown	" 26.....	Adelphic	424
Jenkintown	" 8	Friendship ...	400
Jermyn	" 13.....	Aurora	523
Jersey Shore	" 18.....	La Belle Vallée	232
Johnsonburg	" 33.....	James W. Brown	675
Johnstown	" 41.....	Cambria	278
"	" 41.....	Johnstown	538
"	" 41.....	Conemaugh Valley	692
Kane	" 22.....	Kane	566
Kennett Square	" 36.....	Kennett	475
Kensington, Philadelphia ...	F.....	Kensington	211
"	F.....	Richmond	230
"	E.....	Gothic	519
Kingston	No. 12.....	Kingston	395
Kittanning	" 27.....	Kittanning	244
Knoxville	" 17.....	Cowanesque	351
Kutztown	" 7.....	Huguenot	377
Laceyville	" 16.....	Franklin	263
Lancaster	" 1.....	.....	43
"	" 1.....	Lamberton	476
Lansdale	" 6.....	Shiloh	558
Lansford	" 11.....	Panther Valley	677
Latrobe	" 30.....	Loyalhanna	275
Lebanon	" 2.....	Mount Lebanon	226
Leechburg	" 27.....	Leechburg	577
Leighton	" 45.....	Leighton	621
Le Raysville	" 16.....	Le Ray	471
Lewisburg	" 18.....	Charity	144
Lewistown	" 19.....	Lewistown	203
Ligonier	" 30.....	Ligonier	331
Linesville	" 25.....	Pine	498
Lock Haven	" 33.....	La Fayette	199
Lykens	" 2.....	Ashlar	570
McDonald	" 29.....	Garfield	604
McKeesport	" 49.....	Alliquippa	375
"	" 49.....	Youghiogeny	583
"	" 49.....	McKeesport	641
McVeytown	" 19.....	McVeytown	376

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Mahanoy City	No. 11.....	Mahanoy City	357
Manayunk, Philadelphia ...	A.....	Roxborough	135
Manheim	No. 1.....	Manheim	587
Mansfield	" 17.....	Friendship	247
Marienville	" 23.....	Acacia	633
Marietta	" 1.....	Ashara	398
Marysville	" 19.....	Perry	458
Masontown	" 31.....	Valley	459
Mauch Chunk	" 45.....	Carbon	242
Meadville	" 25.....	Crawford	234
"	" 25.....	.....	408
Mechanicsburg	" 3.....	Eureka	302
Media	" 36.....	George W. Bartram ...	298
Mercer	" 26.....	Hebron	575
Meyersdale	" 41.....	Meyersdale	554
Middleburg	" 46.....	Middleburg	619
Middletown	" 2.....	Prince Edwin	486
Midland	" 37.....	Glasgow	485
Mifflinburg	" 18.....	Mifflinburg	370
Mifflintown	" 19.....	Union	324
Milford	" 14.....	Milford	344
Millersburg	" 2.....	Susquehanna	364
Millersville	" 1.....	Charles M. Howell	496
Millvale Borough	" 32.....	Corinthian	573
Milton	" 46.....	Milton	256
Minersville	" 11.....	Minersville	222
Monessen	" 43.....	Monessen	638
Monongahela	" 43.....	Henry M. Phillips	337
Monroeton	" 16.....	Evergreen	163
Montoursville	" 18.....	Eureka	335
Montrose	" 15.....	Warren	240
Moore	" 36.....	Prospect	578
Moosic	" 13.....	Moosic	664
Moscow	" 13.....	Moscow	504
Mount Carmel	" 46.....	Mount Carmel	378
"	" 46.....	Cedar	670
Mount Jewett	" 22.....	Mount Jewett	627
Mount Joy	" 1.....	Casiphia	551
Mount Union	" 34.....	Mount Union	688
Muncy	" 18.....	Muncy	299
Nanticoke	" 12	Nanticoke	541
Nazareth	" 50.....	Whitfield	622
New Bethlehem	" 27.....	New Bethlehem	522
New Bloomfield	" 19.....	Adams	319

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New Brighton	No. 37.....	Union	259
New Castle	" 26	Mahoning	243
" "	" 26.....	Lodge of the Craft	433
" "	" 26.....	New Castle	642
New Kensington	" 30.....	Tyrian	644
New Milford	" 15.....	New Milford	507
New Oxford	" 4.....	Hebron	465
Newport	" 19.....	Newport	381
Newtown	" 8.....	Newtown	427
Newville	" 3.....	Big Spring	361
Nicholson	" 15.....	Nicholson	438
Norristown	" 6.....	Charity	190
"	" 6.....	Norristown	620
North East	" 24.....	North East	399
Northampton	" 9.....	Chapman	637
Northumberland	" 46.....	Eureka	404
Oakdale	" 47.....	Oakdale	669
Oil City	" 23.....	Petrolia	363
Olyphant	" 13.....	Kingsbury	466
Orangeville	" 35.....	Oriental	460
Orbisonia	" 34.....	Cromwell	572
Orrstown	" 3.....	Orrstown	262
Orwigsburg	" 11.....	Schuylkill	138
Osceola Mills	" 21.....	Osceola	515
Oxford	" 36.....	Oxford	353
Parker's Landing	" 27.....	Parker City	521
Parkesburg	" 5.....	Keystone	569
Patton	" 41.....	Patton	658
Peckville	" 13.....	Oriental Star	588
Pen Argyl	" 50.....	Pen Argyl	594
Philadelphia	B.....		2
"	C.....		3
"	B.....		9
"	D.....	Montgomery	19
"	E.....		51
"	D.....	Harmony	52
"	A.....	Washington	59
"	C.....	Concordia	67
"	B.....	La Fayette	71
"	H.....	Philadelphia	72
"	A.....	Hiram	81
"	C.....	Columbia	91
"	B.....	Solomon's	114

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Philadelphia	E.....	St. John's	115
"	A.....	Union	121
"	E.....	Hermann	125
"	D.....	Rising Star	126
"	D.....	Phoenix	130
"	G.....	Industry	131
"	F.....	Franklin	134
"	A.....	Roxborough	135
"	B.....	Mount Moriah	155
"	D.....	Meridian Sun	158
"	C.....	Eastern Star	186
"	D.....	Integrity	187
"	F.....	Kensington	211
"	F.....	Richmond	230
"	A.....	Shekinah	246
"	C.....	Keystone	271
"	G.....	Hamilton	274
"	G.....	Orient	289
"	H.....	Frankford	292
"	H.....	Melita	295
"	A.....	Mitchell	296
"	E.....	Humboldt	359
"	A.....	Corinthian	368
"	F.....	Williamson	369
"	D.....	Pennsylvania	380
"	H.....	Richard Vaux	384
"	C.....	Oriental	385
"	E.....	Apollo	386
"	C.....	Vaux	393
"	E.....	Perkins	402
"	B.....	William B. Schnider ..	419
"	F.....	.....	432
"	G.....	Mozart	436
"	H.....	Potter	441
"	B.....	Philo	444
"	G.....	Ivanhoe	449
"	B.....	Stephen Girard	450
"	A.....	Welcome	453
"	H.....	Covenant	456
"	C.....	Palestine	470
"	F.....	St. Paul's	481
"	E.....	Athelstan	482
"	F.....	Robert A. Lamberton ..	487
"	A.....	Excelsior	491
"	A.....	Crescent	493

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Philadelphia	F	William C. Hamilton ...	500
"	H	Jerusalem	506
"	E	Gothic	519
"	C	Philates	527
"	F	Mount Horeb	528
"	G	St. Alban	529
"	B	Fernwood	543
"	F	Equity	591
"	G	Tacony	600
"	B	E. Coppée Mitchell	605
"	C	Radiant Star	606
"	E	Olivet	607
"	A	Progress	609
"	H	University	610
"	D	Henry W. Williams	624
"	H	Colonial	631
"	G	Michael Arnold	636
"	G	Conrad B. Day	645
"	H	William L. Elkins	646
"	E	Charles M. Swain	654
"	G	Thomas R. Patton	659
"	D	Matthias H. Henderson.	661
"	D	Peter A. B. Widener...	671
"	F	Robert R. Bringhurst...	686
"	H	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	690
Philipsburg	No. 21	Moshannon	391
Phoenixville	" 40	Phoenix	75
Pine Grove	" 11	Pine Grove	409
Pittsburgh	" 28 .....	.....	45
"	" 28	St. John's	219
"	" 28	Franklin	221
"	" 28	Solomon	231
"	" 28	Washington	253
"	" 47	Monongahela	269
"	" 51	Milnor	287
"	" 48	Hailman	321
"	" 51	McCandless	390
"	" 51	Pittsburgh	484
"	" 51	Dallas	508
"	" 47	Germania	509
"	" 47	Guyasuta	513
"	" 51	Oakland	535
"	" 48	Duquesne	546
"	" 52	Crescent	576
"	" 48	Joppa	608

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Pittsburgh	No. 48	Fort Pitt	634
"	" 48	Homewood	635
"	" 52	Geter C. Shidle	650
"	" 52	Temple	678
"	" 52	Fellowship	679
"	" 52	Bellefield	680
"	" 28	George W. Guthrie	691
Pittsburgh, N.S. (Allegheny)	" 53	Allegheny	223
"	" 32	Jefferson	288
"	" 53	McKinley	318
"	" 53	Davage	374
"	" 32	Stuckrath	430
"	" 32	Ionic	525
"	" 32	Park	676
Pittston	" 12	St. John's	233
"	" 12	Valley	499
Plymouth	" 12	Plymouth	332
Port Allegany	" 22	Liberty	505
Portland	" 50	Portland	311
Pottstown	" 40	Stichter	254
Pottsville	" 11	Pulaski	216
Punxsutawney	" 21	John W. Jenks	534
Quakertown	" 8	Quakertown	512
Quarryville	" 1	Washington	156
Reading	" 7		62
"	" 7	Chandler	227
"	" 7	Teutonia	367
"	" 7	St. John's	435
"	" 7	Reading	549
"	" 7	Isaac Hiester	660
Red Lion	" 42	Red Lion	649
Renovo	" 33	Renovo	495
Reynoldsville	" 27	John M. Read	536
Ridgway	" 33	Elk	379
Riegelsville	" 9	Prosperity	567
Roaring Spring	" 20	Woodbury	539
Rochester	" 37	Rochester	229
Rome	" 16	Roman	418
Rouseville	" 23	Fraternal	483
Royersford	" 40	Royersford	585
St. Clair	" 11	Anthracite	285
St. Marys	" 33	George E. Wagner	639

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St. Petersburg	No. 27.....	Canby	520
Saltsburg	" 39.....	Williamson	431
Sandy Lake	" 26.....	Lake	434
Schuylkill Haven	" 11.....	Page	270
Scottdale	" 30.....	Marion	562
Scranton	" 13.....	Hiram	261
"	" 13.....	Union	291
"	" 13	Peter Williamson	323
"	" 13	Hyde Park	339
"	" 13.....	Schiller	345
"	" 13	Green Ridge	597
Selinsgrove	" 46.....	La Fayette	194
Sellersville	" 8.....	MacCalla	596
Sewickley	" 53.....	Doric	630
Shamokin	" 46.....	Shamokin	255
Sharon	" 26.....	Sharon	250
"	" 26.....	Shenango	668
Sharpsburg	" 32.....	Zeredatha	448
Sharpsville	" 26.....	Sharpsville	517
Shenandoah	" 11.....	Shenandoah	511
Shickshinny	" 12.....	Sylvania	354
Shinglehouse	" 44.....	Sharon	598
Shippensburg	" 3.....	Cumberland Valley	315
Shrewsbury	" 4.....	Shrewsbury	423
Slatington	" 10.....	Slatington	440
Smethport	" 22.....	McKean	388
Somerset	" 41.....	Somerset	358
South Bethlehem	" 9.....	H. Stanley Goodwin ...	648
Spartansburg	" 25.....	Spartan	372
Spring City	" 40.....	Spring City	553
Stroudsburg	" 50.....	Barger	325
Sugar Grove	" 23.....	Stillwater	547
Sunbury	" 46.....	.....	22
"	" 46.....	Maclay	632
Susquehanna	" 15.....	Canawacta	360
Swissvale	" 38.....	Swissvale	656
Tacony, Philadelphia	G.....	Tacony	600
Tamaqua	No. 11.....	Tamaqua	238
Tarentum	" 32.....	Pollock	502
Taylor	" 13.....	Acacia	579
Thompstontown	" 19.....	Lamberton	371
Tidioute	" 23.....	Temple	412

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Tioga	No. 17.....	Tioga	373
Tionesta	" 23.....	Olive	557
Titusville	" 25.....	Oil Creek	303
"	" 25.....	Shepherd	463
Towanda	" 16.....	Union	108
Tremont	" 11.....	Swatara	267
Trexlerstown	" 10.....	Lehigh	326
Troy	" 16.....	Trojan	306
Tunkhannock	" 16.....	Temple	248
Turtle Creek	" 49.....	Valley	613
Tyrone	" 20.....	Tyrone	494
Ulysses	" 44.....	Lewisville	556
Union City	" 24.....	Eureka	366
Uniondale	" 15.....	Mount Hermon	472
Uniontown	" 31.....	Fayette	228
"	" 31.....	Laurel	651
Upper Uwchlan	" 40.....	Mount Pickering	446
Vandergrift	" 39.....	Kiskiminetas	617
Verona	" 38.....	Verona	548
Warren	" 23.....	North Star	241
Washington	" 29.....	Washington	164
"	" 29.....	Sunset	623
Waterford	" 24.....	Waterford	425
Watsonstown	" 46.....	Watsonstown	401
Wattsburg	" 24.....	Wattsburg	533
Waymart	" 14.....	Waymart	542
Wayne	" 6.....	Wayne	581
Waynesboro	" 4.....	Acacia	586
Waynesburg	" 29.....	Waynesburg	153
Wellsboro	" 17.....	Ossea	317
West Chester	" 5.....	West Chester	322
Westfield	" 17.....	Westfield	477
West Grove	" 36.....	New London	545
West Middlesex	" 26.....	Kedron	389
West Newton	" 30.....	Blyth	593
White Haven	" 45.....	Laurel	467
Wilcox	" 33.....	Wilcox	571
Wilkes-Barre	" 12.....	61
"	" 12.....	Landmark	442
"	" 12.....	Fidelity	655
Wilkinsburg	" 38.....	Orient	590

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PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Wilkinsburg	No. 38.....	Beta	647
“	“ 38.....	Wilkinsburg	683
Williamsport	“ 18.....	.....	106
“	“ 18	Ivy	397
Wilmerding	“ 49.....	Tyrian	612
Womelsdorf	“ 7	Williamson	307
Woodlawn	“ 37	Woodlawn	672
Wrightsville	“ 42	Riverside	503
Wyalusing	“ 16	Wyalusing	618
Wyoming	“ 12	Wyoming	468
York	“ 42	York	266
“	“ 42	Zeredatha	451
Zelienople	“ 37	Harmony	429

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Acacia	355.....	Blairsville	No. 39
Acacia	579.....	Taylor	" 13
Acacia	586.....	Waynesboro	" 4
Acacia	633.....	Marienville	" 23
Adams	319.....	New Bloomfield	" 19
Adelpha	592.....	Harrison Valley	" 44
Adelphic	424.....	Jamestown	" 26
Africa, J. Simpson	628.....	East Stroudsburg	" 50
Allegheny	223.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 53
Allegheny Valley	552.....	Emlenton	" 27
Alliquippa	375.....	McKeesport	" 49
Amity	685.....	Homestead	" 38
Anthracite	285.....	St. Clair	" 11
Apollo	386.....	Philadelphia	E
Apollo	437.....	Apollo	No. 39
Arbutus	611.....	Freeland	" 45
Arcana	580.....	Austin	" 44
Argyle	540.....	Chicora	" 27
Armstrong	239.....	Freeport	" 27
Arnold, Michael	636.....	Philadelphia	G
Ashara	398.....	Marietta	No. 1
Ashland	294.....	Ashland	" 11
Ashlar	570.....	Lykens	" 2
Athelstan	482.....	Philadelphia	E
Aurora	523.....	Jermyn	No. 13
Avalon	657.....	Bellevue	" 53
Azalea	687.....	Hazleton	" 45
Bangor	565.....	Bangor	" 50
Barger	325.....	Stroudsburg	" 50
Barger	333.....	Allentown	" 10
Bartram, George W.	298.....	Media	" 36
Bayard, Stephen	526.....	Elizabeth	" 43
Beallsville	237.....	Beallsville	" 29
Beaver Valley	478.....	Beaver Falls	" 37
Bedford	320.....	Bedford	" 34
Bellefield	680.....	Pittsburgh	" 52
Bellefonte	268.....	Bellefonte	" 21
Belle Vernon	643.....	Belle Vernon	" 43
Bellevue	530.....	Bellevue	" 53
Benton	667.....	Benton	" 35
Beta	647.....	Wilkinsburg	" 38
Bethlehem	283.....	Bethlehem	" 9
Big Spring	361.....	Newville	" 3

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Bloss	350.....	Blossburg	No. 17
Blyth	593.....	West Newton	" 30
Braddock's Field	510.....	Braddock	" 38
Bray, W. K.	410.....	Hatboro	" 8
Bringhurst, Robert R. ..	686.....	Philadelphia	F
Bristol	25.....	Bristol	No. 8
Brown, James W.	675.....	Johnsonburg	" 33
Brownstone	666.....	Hummelstown	" 2
Brownsville	60.....	Brownsville	" 31
Burns, Robert	464.....	Harrisburg	" 2
Butler	272.....	Butler	" 27
Cambria	278.....	Johnstown	" 41
Canawacta	360.....	Susquehanna	" 15
Canby	520.....	St. Petersburg	" 27
Canton	415.....	Canton	" 18
Carbon	242.....	Mauch Chunk	" 45
Carbondale	249.....	Carbondale	" 13
Casiphia	551.....	Mount Joy	" 1
Cassia	273.....	Ardmore	" 6
Catawissa	349.....	Catawissa	" 35
Cedar	670.....	Mount Carmel	" 46
Centennial	544.....	Carnegie	" 47
Chandler	227.....	Reading	" 7
Chapman	637.....	Northampton	" 9
Charity	144.....	Lewisburg	" 18
Charity	190.....	Norristown	" 6
Charleroi	615.....	Charleroi	" 43
Chartiers	297.....	Canonsburg	" 29
Chester	236.....	Chester	" 36
Christiana	417.....	Christiana	" 1
Clarion	277.....	Clarion	" 27
Claysville	447.....	Claysville	" 29
Clearfield	314.....	Clearfield	" 21
Coalport	574.....	Coalport	" 21
Coalville	474.....	Ashley	" 12
Coatesville	564.....	Coatesville	" 5
Cochran, James	614.....	Dawson	" 31
Colonial	631.....	Philadelphia	H
Columbia	91.....	Philadelphia	C
Columbia	286.....	Columbia	No. 1
Columbus	264.....	Columbus	" 23
Concord	625.....	Concordville	" 36
Concordia	67.....	Philadelphia	C
Conemaugh Valley	692.....	Johnstown	No. 41

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Coraopolis	674.....	Coraopolis	No. 47
Corinthian	368.....	Philadelphia	A
Corinthian	573.....	Millvale Borough	No. 32
Corry	365.....	Corry	" 24
Covenant	456.....	Philadelphia	H
Covenant	473.....	Cambridge Springs	No. 25
Cowanesque	351.....	Knoxville	" 17
Crafton	653.....	Crafton	" 47
Crawford	234.....	Meadville	" 25
Crescent	493.....	Philadelphia	A
Crescent	576.....	Pittsburgh	No. 52
Cressona	426.....	Cressona	" 11
Cromwell	572.....	Orbisonia	" 34
Cumberland Star	197.....	Carlisle	" 3
Cumberland Valley	315.....	Shippensburg	" 3
Dallas	396.....	Easton	" 9
Dallas	508.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
Dallas, George M.	531.....	Dallas	" 12
Danville	224.....	Danville	" 35
Davage	374.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 53
Day, Conrad B.	645.....	Philadelphia	G
Donora	626.....	Donora	No. 43
Doric	630.....	Sewickley	" 53
Dormont	684.....	Dormont	" 47
Doylestown	245.....	Doylestown	" 8
Driftwood	532.....	Driftwood	" 33
Duquesne	546.....	Pittsburgh	" 48
East Brady	640.....	East Brady	" 27
Eastern Star	186.....	Philadelphia	C
Easton	152.....	Easton	No. 9
Edenburg	550.....	Edenburg	" 27
Eldred	560.....	Eldred	" 22
Elk	379.....	Ridgway	" 33
Elkins, William L.	646.....	Philadelphia	H
Ellwood	599.....	Ellwood City	No. 26
Elysburg	414.....	Elysburg	" 46
Emporium	382.....	Emporium	" 33
Ephrata	665.....	Ephrata	" 1
Equity	591.....	Philadelphia	F
Eulalia	342.....	Coudersport	No. 44
Eureka	290.....	Greenville	" 26
Eureka	302.....	Mechanicsburg	" 3
Eureka	335.....	Montoursville	" 18

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Eureka	366.....	Union City	No. 24
Eureka	404.....	Northumberland	" 46
Everett	524.....	Everett	" 34
Evergreen	163.....	Monroeton	" 16
Excelsior	491.....	Philadelphia	A
Factoryville	341.....	Factoryville	No. 15
Fayette	228.....	Uniontown	" 31
Fellowship	679.....	Pittsburgh	" 52
Fernwood	543.....	Philadelphia	B
Fidelity	655.....	Wilkes-Barre	No. 12
Forest City	439.....	Forest City	" 15
Fort Pitt	634.....	Pittsburgh	" 48
Fort Washington	308.....	Fort Washington	" 8
Frankford	292.....	Philadelphia	H
Franklin	134.....	Philadelphia	F
Franklin	221.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
Franklin	263.....	Laceyville	" 16
Fraternal	483.....	Rouseville	" 23
Freedom	328.....	Jackson	" 15
Friendship	247.....	Mansfield	" 17
Friendship	400.....	Jenkintown	" 8
Friendship	663.....	Fawn Grove	" 42
Fritz	420.....	Conshohocken	" 6
Galeton	602.....	Galeton	" 44
Garfield	559.....	DuBois	" 21
Garfield	604.....	McDonald	" 29
Germania	509.....	Pittsburgh	" 47
Girard, Stephen	450.....	Philadelphia	B
Glasgow	485.....	Midland	No. 37
Goddard	383.....	Coatesville	" 5
Good Samaritan	336.....	Gettysburg	" 4
Goodwin, H. Stanley ..	648.....	South Bethlehem	" 9
Gothic	519.....	Philadelphia	E
Great Bend	338.....	Great Bend	No. 15
Greenleaf	561.....	Allentown	" 10
Green Ridge	597.....	Scranton	" 13
Grove City	603.....	Grove City	" 26
Gummert	252.....	Fayette City	" 31
Guthrie, George W.	691.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Guyasuta	513.....	Pittsburgh	" 47
Hailman	321.....	Pittsburgh	" 48
Hamilton	274.....	Philadelphia	G

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Hamilton, William C. . .	500	Philadelphia	F
Harford	445	Hop Bottom	No. 15
Harmony	52	Philadelphia	D
Harmony	429	Zelienople	No. 37
Harrisburg	629	Harrisburg	" 2
Hawley	305	Hawley	" 14
Hazle	327	Hazleton	" 45
Hebron	465	New Oxford	" 4
Hebron	575	Mercer	" 26
Hellertown	563	Hellertown	" 9
Henderson, Matthias H..	661	Philadelphia	D
Hermann	125	Philadelphia	E
Hiester, Isaac	660	Reading	No. 7
Hiram	81	Philadelphia	A
Hiram	261	Scranton	No. 13
Hiram	616	Altoona	" 20
Hobah	276	Brookville	" 27
Homestead	582	Homestead	" 38
Homewood	635	Pittsburgh	" 48
Honesdale	218	Honesdale	" 14
Howell	405	Honeybrook	" 5
Howell, Charles M. . . .	496	Millersville	" 1
Huguenot	377	Kutztown	" 7
Humboldt	359	Philadelphia	E
Hyde Park	339	Scranton	No. 13
Hyndman	589	Hyndman	" 34
Indiana	313	Indiana	" 39
Industry	131	Philadelphia	G
Integrity	187	Philadelphia	D
Ionic	525	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	No. 32
Ivanhoe	449	Philadelphia	G
Ivy	397	Williamsport	No. 18
Jefferson	288	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 32
Jenks, John W.	534	Punxsutawney	" 21
Jerusalem	506	Philadelphia	H
Johnstown	538	Johnstown	No. 41
Joppa	608	Pittsburgh	" 48
Jordan	673	Allentown	" 10
Juniata	282	Hollidaysburg	" 20
Kane	566	Kane	" 22
Kedron	389	West Middlesex	" 26
Kendrick, Jr., George W.	690	Philadelphia	H

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Kennett	475.....	Kennett Square	No. 36
Kensington	211.....	Philadelphia	F
Keystone	271.....	Philadelphia	C
Keystone	455.....	Erie	No. 24
Keystone	569.....	Parkesburg	" 5
Kingsbury	466.....	Olyphant	" 13
King Solomon	584.....	Dunmore	" 13
King Solomon's	346.....	Connellsville	" 31
Kingston	395.....	Kingston	" 12
Kiskiminetas	617.....	Vandergrift	" 39
Kittanning	244.....	Kittanning	" 27
Knapp	462.....	Berwick	" 35
La Belle Vallée	232.....	Jersey Shore	" 18
La Fayette	71.....	Philadelphia	B
La Fayette	194.....	Selinsgrove	No. 46
La Fayette	199.....	Lock Haven	" 33
La Fayette	652.....	Carnegie	" 47
Lake	434.....	Sandy Lake	" 26
Lake Erie	347.....	Girard	" 24
Lamberton	371.....	Thompsontown	" 19
Lamberton	476.....	Lancaster	" 1
Lamberton, Robert A. ..	487.....	Philadelphia	F
La Monte	568.....	Derry Station	No. 30
Landmark	442.....	Wilkes-Barre	" 12
Laurel	467.....	White Haven	" 45
Laurel	651.....	Uniontown	" 31
Leechburg	577.....	Leechburg	" 27
Lehigh	326.....	Trexlerstown	" 10
Lehighton	621.....	Lehighton	" 45
Le Ray	471.....	Le Raysville	" 16
Lewistown	203.....	Lewistown	" 19
Lewisville	556.....	Ulysses	" 44
Liberty	505.....	Port Allegany	" 22
Ligonier	331.....	Ligonier	" 30
Lodge of the Craft	433.....	New Castle	" 26
Logan	490.....	Altoona	" 20
Loyalhanna	275.....	Latrobe	" 30
MacCalla	596.....	Sellersville	" 8
McCandless	390.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
McKean	388.....	Smethport	" 22
McKeesport	641.....	McKeesport	" 49
McKinley	318.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 53
McVeytown	376.....	McVeytown	" 19

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Maclay	632.....	Sunbury	No. 46
Mahanoy City	357.....	Mahanoy City	" 11
Mahoning	243.....	New Castle	" 26
Mahoning	516.....	Danville	" 35
Manheim	587.....	Manheim	" 1
Manoquesy	413.....	Bath	" 50
Marion	562.....	Scottdale	" 30
Martin, Edwin G.	689.....	Allentown	" 10
Melita	295.....	Philadelphia	H
Meridian	411.....	Enon Valley	No. 37
Meridian Sun	158.....	Philadelphia	D
Meyersdale	554.....	Meyersdale	No. 41
Middleburg	619.....	Middleburg	" 46
Mifflinburg	370.....	Mifflinburg	" 18
Milford	344.....	Milford	" 14
Milnor	287.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
Milton	256.....	Milton	" 46
Minersville	222.....	Minersville	" 11
Mitchell	296.....	Philadelphia	A
Mitchell, E. Coppée	605.....	Philadelphia	B
Monessen	638.....	Monessen	No. 43
Monongahela	269.....	Pittsburgh	" 47
Monongahela Valley ...	461.....	California	" 43
Montgomery	19.....	Philadelphia	D
Moosic	664.....	Moosic	No. 13
Moscow	504.....	Moscow	" 13
Moshannon	391.....	Philipsburg	" 21
Mountain	281.....	Altoona	" 20
Mount Carmel	378.....	Mount Carmel	" 46
Mount Hermon	472.....	Uniondale	" 15
Mount Horeb	528.....	Philadelphia	F
Mount Jewett	627.....	Mount Jewett	No. 22
Mount Lebanon	226.....	Lebanon	" 2
Mount Moriah	155.....	Philadelphia	B
Mount Moriah	300.....	Huntingdon	No. 34
Mount Pickering	446.....	Upper Uwchlan	" 40
Mount Pisgah	443.....	Greencastle	" 3
Mount Union	688.....	Mount Union	" 34
Mozart	436.....	Philadelphia	G
Muncy	299.....	Muncy	No. 18
Myrtle	316.....	Franklin	" 23
Nanticoke	541.....	Nanticoke	" 12
New Bethlehem	522.....	New Bethlehem	" 27
New Castle	642.....	New Castle	" 26

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New London	545.....	West Grove	No. 36
New Milford	507.....	New Milford	" 15
Newport	381.....	Newport	" 19
Newtown	427.....	Newtown	" 8
Nicholson	438.....	Nicholson	" 15
Noble	480.....	Curwensville	" 21
Norristown	620.....	Norristown	" 6
North East	399.....	North East	" 24
North Star	241.....	Warren	" 23
Northern Star	555.....	Duke Center	" 22
Oakdale	669.....	Oakdale	" 47
Oakland	535.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
Oasis	416.....	Edinboro	" 24
Oil Creek	303.....	Titusville	" 25
Old Fort	537.....	Center Hall	" 21
Olive	557.....	Tionesta	" 23
Olivet	607.....	Philadelphia	E
Orient	289.....	Philadelphia	G
Orient	590.....	Wilkinsburg	No. 38
Oriental	385.....	Philadelphia	C
Oriental	460.....	Orangeville	No. 35
Oriental Star	588.....	Peckville	" 13
Orrstown	262.....	Orrstown	" 3
Osceola	421.....	Elkland	" 17
Osceola	515.....	Osceola Mills	" 21
Ossea	317.....	Wellsboro	" 17
Oxford	353.....	Oxford	" 36
Page	270.....	Schuylkill Haven	" 11
Palestine	470.....	Philadelphia	C
Panther Valley	677.....	Lansford	No. 11
Parian	662.....	Beaver Falls	" 37
Park	676.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 32
Parker City	521.....	Parker's Landing	" 27
Patmos	348.....	Hanover	" 4
Patton	658.....	Patton	" 41
Patton, Thomas R.	659.....	Philadelphia	G
Pen Argyl	594.....	Pen Argyl	No. 50
Pennsylvania	380.....	Philadelphia	D
Perkins	402.....	Philadelphia	E
Perkiomen	595.....	East Greenville	No. 40
Perry	392.....	Erie	" 24
Perry	458.....	Marysville	" 19
Perseverance	21.....	Harrisburg	" 2

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Petrolia	363.....	Oil City	No. 23
Philadelphia	72.....	Philadelphia	H
Philanthropy	225.....	Greensburg	No. 30
Philates	527.....	Philadelphia	C
Phillips, Henry M.	337.....	Monongahela	No. 43
Philo	444.....	Philadelphia	B
Phoenix	75.....	Phoenixville	No. 40
Phoenix	130.....	Philadelphia	D
Pine	498.....	Linesville	No. 25
Pine Grove	409.....	Pine Grove	" 11
Pittsburgh	484.....	Pittsburgh	" 51
Plymouth	332.....	Plymouth	" 12
Pollock	502.....	Tarentum	" 32
Portage	220.....	Hollidaysburg	" 20
Porter	284.....	Catasauqua	" 10
Portland	311.....	Portland	" 50
Potter	441.....	Philadelphia	H
Prince Edwin	486.....	Middletown	No. 2
Progress	609.....	Philadelphia	A
Prospect	578.....	Moore	No. 36
Prosperity	567.....	Riegelsville	" 9
Pulaski	216.....	Pottsville	" 11
Quakertown	512.....	Quakertown	" 8
Radiant Star	606.....	Philadelphia	C
Read, John M.	536.....	Reynoldsville	No. 27
Reading	549.....	Reading	" 7
Red Lion	649.....	Red Lion	" 42
Renovo	495.....	Renovo	" 33
Richmond	230.....	Philadelphia	F
Rising Star	126.....	Philadelphia	D
Riverside	503.....	Wrightsville	No. 42
Rochester	229.....	Rochester	" 37
Roman	418.....	Rome	" 16
Roxborough	135.....	Philadelphia	A
Royersford	585.....	Royersford	No. 40
Rural Amity	70.....	Athens	" 16
St. Alban	529.....	Philadelphia	G
St. James	457.....	Beaver	No. 37
St. John's	115.....	Philadelphia	E
St. John's	219.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
St. John's	233.....	Pittston	" 12
St. John's	260.....	Carlisle	" 3
St. John's	435.....	Reading	" 7

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St. Paul's	481.....	Philadelphia	F
Salem	330.....	Hamlin	No. 14
Saucon	469.....	Coopersburg	" 10
Schiller	345.....	Scranton	" 13
Schnider, William B. ..	419.....	Philadelphia	B
Schuylkill	138.....	Orwigsburg	No. 11
Scott, Lucius H.	352.....	Chester	" 36
Shamokin	255.....	Shamokin	" 46
Sharon	250.....	Sharon	" 26
Sharon	598.....	Shinglehouse	" 44
Sharpsville	517.....	Sharpsville	" 26
Shekinah	246.....	Philadelphia	A
Shenandoah	511.....	Shenandoah	No. 11
Shenango	668.....	Sharon	" 26
Shepherd	463.....	Titusville	" 25
Shidle	601.....	Irwin	" 30
Shidle, Geter C.	650.....	Pittsburgh	" 52
Shiloh	558.....	Lansdale	" 6
Shrewsbury	423.....	Shrewsbury	" 4
Skerrett	343.....	Cochranville	" 5
Slatington	440.....	Slatington	" 10
Smithfield	428.....	East Smithfield	" 16
Solomon	231.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Solomon's	114.....	Philadelphia	B
Somerset	358.....	Somerset	No. 41
Spartan	372.....	Spartansburg	" 25
Spring City	553.....	Spring City	" 40
Stichter	254.....	Pottstown	" 40
Stillwater	547.....	Sugar Grove	" 23
Stuckrath	430.....	Allegheny (Pittsburgh, N.S.)	" 32
Summit	312.....	Ebensburg	" 41
Sunset	623.....	Washington	" 29
Susquehanna	364.....	Millersburg	" 2
Swatara	267.....	Tremont	" 11
Swain, Charles M.	654.....	Philadelphia	E
Swissvale	656.....	Swissvale	No. 38
Sylvania	354.....	Shickshinny	" 12
Tacony	600.....	Philadelphia	G
Tamaqua	238.....	Tamaqua	No. 11
Temple	248.....	Tunkhannock	" 16
Temple	412.....	Tidioute	" 23
Temple	678.....	Pittsburgh	" 52
Teutonia	367.....	Reading	" 7
Thomson	340.....	Green Tree Station	" 5

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NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Tioga	373.....	Tioga	No. 17
Trojan	306.....	Troy	" 16
Tyrian	362.....	Erie	" 24
Tyrian	612.....	Wilmerding	" 49
Tyrian	644.....	New Kensington	" 30
Tyrone	494.....	Tyrone	" 20
Union	108.....	Towanda	" 16
Union	121.....	Philadelphia	A
Union	259.....	New Brighton	No. 37
Union	291.....	Scranton	" 13
Union	324.....	Mifflintown	" 19
Union	334.....	Bradford	" 22
Union	479.....	Birdsboro	" 7
University	610.....	Philadelphia	H
Valley	459.....	Masontown	No. 31
Valley	499.....	Pittston	" 12
Valley	613.....	Turtle Creek	" 49
Vaux	393.....	Philadelphia	C
Vaux	406.....	Hamburg	No. 7
Vaux, Richard	384.....	Philadelphia	H
Vaux, Richard	454.....	Burgettstown	No. 29
Verona	548.....	Verona	" 38
Wagner, George E.	639.....	St. Marys	" 33
Warren	240.....	Montrose	" 15
Warren	310.....	Collegeville	" 6
Washington	59.....	Philadelphia	A
Washington	156.....	Quarryville	No. 1
Washington	164.....	Washington	" 29
Washington	253.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Washington	265.....	Bloomsburg	" 35
Washington, George ...	143.....	Chambersburg	" 3
Waterford	425.....	Waterford	" 24
Watsonstown	401.....	Watsonstown	" 46
Wattsburg	533.....	Wattsburg	" 24
Waverly	301.....	Clark's Summit	" 13
Waymart	542.....	Waymart	" 14
Wayne	581.....	Wayne	" 6
Waynesburg	153.....	Waynesburg	" 29
Welcome	453.....	Philadelphia	A
West Chester	322.....	West Chester	No. 5
West Shore	681.....	Camp Hill	" 3
Western Crawford	258.....	Conneautville	" 25
Western Star	304.....	Albion	" 24
Westfield	477.....	Westfield	" 17

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Westmoreland	518.....	Greensburg	No. 30
Whitfield	622.....	Nazareth	" 50
Widener, Peter A. B....	671.....	Philadelphia	D
Wilcox	571.....	Wilcox	No. 33
Wilkinsburg	683.....	Wilkinsburg	" 38
Williams, Henry W.	624.....	Philadelphia	D
Williamson	307.....	Womelsdorf	No. 7
Williamson	309.....	Downingtown	" 5
Williamson	369.....	Philadelphia	F
Williamson	431.....	Saltsburg	No. 39
Williamson, Peter	323.....	Scranton	" 13
Woodbury	539.....	Roaring Spring	" 20
Woodlawn	672.....	Woodlawn	" 37
Wyalusing	618.....	Wyalusing	" 16
Wyoming	468.....	Wyoming	" 12
York	266.....	York	" 42
Youghiogheny	583.....	McKeesport	" 49
Zeredatha	448.....	Sharpsburg	" 32
Zeredatha	451.....	York	" 42

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	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
.....	2.....	Philadelphia	B
.....	3.....	Philadelphia	C
.....	9.....	Philadelphia	B
.....	22.....	Sunbury	No. 46
.....	43.....	Lancaster	" 1
.....	45.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
.....	51.....	Philadelphia	E
.....	61.....	Wilkes-Barre	No. 12
.....	62.....	Reading	" 7
.....	106.....	Williamsport	" 18
.....	408.....	Meadville	" 25
.....	432.....	Philadelphia	F
.....	682.....	Elizabethtown	No. 1

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Mon. F. M. = Monday on or before Full Moon.

F. M. Mon. = Monday on or after Full Moon.

Mon. a. F. M. = Monday after Full Moon.

Mon. b. F. M. = Monday before Full Moon.

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2	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.....	256	5	15	2		5	269
3	"	C	3d Tues.....	371	3	16		2	6	382
9	"	B	1st Fri.	632	1	59	6		10	676
19	Montgomery	"	D	1st Thur.	316		1	4		8	305
21	Perseverance	Harrisburg	2	2d Mon.....	638	8	45	2		15	674
22	.....	Sunbury	46	*	242	2	13			6	251
25	Bristol.....	Bristol.....	8	Sat. F. M. ..	211	1	18		1	4	225
43	.....	Lancaster.....	1	2d Wed.	360		15			3	372
45	.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	Last Wed....	632	2	55	6	4	16	663
51	.....	Philadelphia ..	E	4th Thur.	151		4			4	151
52	Harmony	"	D	1st Mon.....	395	5	25		1	5	419
59	Washington.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	795	2	34	5	1	15	810
60	Brownsville.....	Brownsville	31	1st Mon.....	213	2	10		2	6	217
61	.....	Wilkes-Barre....	12	1st Mon.....	464	7	40		2	5	504
62	.....	Reading	7	1st Mon.....	375	1	15	5		7	379
67	Concordia.....	Philadelphia	C	3d Thur.....	611	3	39	2	3	8	640
70	Rural Amity.....	Athens	16	Tues. F. M...	366	3	33		3	4	395
71	La Fayette.....	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed.	309		20	2		5	322
72	Philadelphia	"	H	3d Thur.....	282		17	2		11	286
75	Phœnix.....	Phœnixville.....	40	Sat. F. M. ...	302	5	11	3	3	4	308
81	Hiram.....	Philadelphia	A	2d Wed.....	234		18	2		4	246
91	Columbia	"	C	4th Mon.....	194		11			4	201
106	.....	Williamsport....	18	1st Mon.	548		41		3	17	569
108	Union.....	Towanda.....	16	3d Wed.....	259	5	10			8	266
114	Solomon's.....	Philadelphia	B	3d Fri.....	299		18	2	1	4	310
115	St. John's.....	"	E	2d Mon.....	530	1	33	2	1	15	546
121	Union	"	A	2d Thur.....	188		5	1	2	9	181
125	Hermann	"	E	2d Wed.....	339	1	34		1	12	361
126	Rising Star.....	"	C	2d Mon.....	320		24	1		6	337
130	Phœnix.....	"	D	3d Wed.....	320	1	10		2	7	322
131	Industry.....	"	G	2d Mon.....	345	2	31	1	2	7	368
134	Franklin.....	"	F	†	197	1	6	1		4	199
135	Roxborough.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	540	1	36		1	8	568
138	Schuylkill.....	Orwigsburg ..	11	Last Mon...	116		5		1		120

* No. 22 meets evening of Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Sunday ; then Monday

† No. 134 meets last week day of every month.

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143	George Washington	Chambersburg...	3	2d Fri	266	1	12		1	4	274
144	Charity	Lewisburg	18	2d Tues	135	2	6	2		3	138
152	Easton	Easton	9	1st Thur.	273	4	23	3	1	5	291
153	Waynesburg	Waynesburg	29	2d Mon	222	2	6	3		3	224
155	Mount Moriah	Philadelphia	B	4th Tues	728	5	121	2	1	13	838
156	Washington	Quarryville	1	Fri. F. M.	122		3		2	1	122
158	Meridian Sun	Philadelphia	D	1st Tues	889	3	48	5	2	20	913
163	Evergreen	Monroeton	16	Tues. F. M. ...	213		14		2	5	220
164	Washington	Washington	29	1st Mon	250	6	10			5	261
186	Eastern Star	Philadelphia	C	2d Wed	260	3	22	5	1	8	271
187	Integrity	"	D	2d Thur	266		18	3	1	3	277
190	Charity	Norristown	6	1st Mon	524	2	27	5	4	6	538
194	La Fayette	Selinsgrove	46	Fri. F. M.	159	1	22			1	181
197	Cumberland Star...	Carlisle	3	2d Tues	230		9	1	1	3	234
199	La Fayette	Lock Haven	33	2d Thur	249	3	15	1	1	4	261
203	Lewistown	Lewistown	19	2d Tues	290	7	12	3	1	2	303
211	Kensington	Philadelphia	F	1st Fri.	578		33	3	2	12	594
216	Pulaski	Pottsville	11	3d Mon	283		12			9	286
218	Honesdale	Honesdale	14	1st Thur	164		18		2	2	178
219	St. John's	Pittsburgh	28	2d Thur	671	8	35	5	15	14	680
220	Portage	Hollidaysburg ...	20	1st Tues	163		2			5	160
221	Franklin	Pittsburgh	28	3d Thur	561	1	27	11	3	7	568
222	Minersville	Minersville	11	2d Thur	104		4	1	1	1	105
223	Allegheny	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	2d Mon	479		22		5	13	483
224	Danville	Danville	35	3d Tues	155	2	15		1	1	170
225	Philanthropy	Greensburg	30	2d Mon	205		6		2	3	206
226	Mount Lebanon...	Lebanon	2	3d Thur	352	2	15			5	364
227	Chandler	Reading	7	1st Tues	520	2	26	3	1	6	538
228	Fayette	Uniontown	31	2d Mon	275	2	3	1		3	276
229	Rochester	Rochester	37	1st Fri.	348	2	23		1	4	368
230	Richmond	Philadelphia	F	2d Wed	384		24	2	2	6	398
231	Solomon	Pittsburgh	28	1st Thur	191		13	1		5	198
232	La Belle Vallée...	Jersey Shore	18	1st Fri.	245	2	17		1	4	259
233	St. John's	Pittston	12	Tues. F. M. ...	261	2	17		2	3	275
234	Crawford	Meadville	25	1st Thur	174	1	8	4	3	3	173
236	Chester	Chester	36	1st Thur	495	3	27	4		8	513
237	Beallsville	Beallsville	29	Wed. F. M. ...	137		10		2	6	139
238	Tamaqua	Tamaqua	11	2d Fri	261		16		1	3	273
239	Armstrong	Freeport	27	3d Mon	107		3		1	1	108
240	Warren	Montrose	15	Wed. F. M. ...	134		6			1	139
241	North Star	Warren	23	3d Thur	367		22		4	7	378
242	Carbon	Mauch Chunk ...	45	2d Wed	137		12			5	144
243	Mahoning	New Castle	26	2d Tues	387	5	38	2		2	426
244	Kittanning	Kittanning	27	1st Tues	192		11		1	3	199
245	Doylestown	Doylestown	8	Fri. F. M.	250		10		2	6	252
246	Shekinah	Philadelphia	A	3d Mon	623	2	13	6	5	18	609

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247	Friendship.....	Mansfield	17	Mon. F. M....	133	2	8			5	138
248	Temple.....	Tunkhannock ...	16	Mon. F. M....	207		15	4	2	3	213
249	Carbondale.....	Carbondale.....	13	1st Wed.....	367		37		2	1	401
250	Sharon.....	Sharon	26	1st Fri.....	319		30	2	2	2	343
252	Gummert	Fayette City.....	31	Mon. F. M....	174	1	12	6	1	2	178
253	Washington.....	Pittsburgh	28	Last Tues....	599	9	48	3	7	11	635
254	Stichter.....	Pottstown.....	40	2d Wed.....	342		23	2	1	11	351
255	Shamokin.....	Shamokin.....	46	1st Fri.....	361	1	32	2	2	5	385
256	Milton	Milton.....	46	1st Mon.....	210	1	14			2	223
258	Western Crawford .	Conneautville ...	25	1st Mon.....	80		6	1		1	84
259	Union	New Brighton ..	37	1st Tues....	196		7		1	2	200
260	St. John's.....	Carlisle.....	3	3d Thur.....	230		4	1	1	8	224
261	Hiram	Scranton.....	13	1st Thur.....	274	1	18	2		2	289
262	Orrstown.....	Orrstown.....	3	Thur. F. M....	61		5			1	65
263	Franklin.....	Laceyville.....	16	Tues. F. M....	103		2	2		1	102
264	Columbus.....	Columbus.....	23	Thur. F. M....	42			1	1	3	37
265	Washington.....	Bloomsburg	35	3d Mon.....	250	3	19	1	1	3	267
266	York	York.....	42	*	273	2	23		1	3	294
267	Swatara	Tremont	11	2d Thur.....	139		8		2	3	142
268	Bellefonte.....	Bellefonte.....	21	Tues. F. M....	217	3	9	3	3	7	216
269	Monongahela.....	Pittsburgh	47	1st Fri	689	1	41		15	6	710
270	Page	Schuylkill Haven	11	2d Fri.....	177		5		2		180
271	Keystone.....	Philadelphia	E	1st Mon.....	368	1	34	4	2	9	388
272	Butler	Butler	27	1st Thur.....	359	1	31	1		4	386
273	Cassia.....	Ardmore.....	6	1st Thur.....	486	3	24	1	7	4	501
274	Hamilton	Philadelphia	G	4th Tues....	478	4	35	5	1	6	505
275	Loyalhanna.....	Latrobe.....	30	1st Mon.....	163		7		1	2	167
276	Hobah	Brookville.....	27	2d Mon.....	203		6	4		4	201
277	Clarion	Clarion	27	1st Mon.....	194	2	10	4	3	3	196
278	Cambria	Johnstown	41	2d Tues....	415		44	1	2	5	451
281	Mountain.....	Altoona.....	20	3d Tues....	351	1	13	6	2	3	354
282	Juniata.....	Holidaysburg ...	20	2d Mon.....	153	1	2		1	3	152
283	Bethlehem.....	Bethlehem	9	1st Tues....	263		19	2	3	5	272
284	Porter	Catasauqua.....	10	1st Fri.....	214		9	3	1	3	216
285	Anthracite.....	St. Clair.....	11	3d Wed.....	118		9		1	6	120
286	Columbia	Columbia	1	1st Thur.....	227	1	12		2	5	233
287	Milnor	Pittsburgh	51	3d Tues....	975	3	53	5	27	16	983
288	Jefferson	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	1st Wed.....	173		15	1		7	180
289	Orient	Philadelphia	G	4th Fri.....	349	1	22	6	2	6	358
290	Eureka	Greenville.....	26	1st Mon.....	238	1	15		2	1	251
291	Union	Scranton.....	13	1st Fri.....	564	4	27	7	1	8	579
292	Frankford.....	Philadelphia	H	2d Tues....	484		44	3	1	7	517
294	Ashland	Ashland	11	2d Thur.....	216		18		1	6	227
295	Melita.....	Philadelphia	H	4th Wed.....	736	3	59	4	4	11	779
296	Mitchell	"	A	2d Thur.....	486	1	44	1	2	10	518
297	Chartiers.....	Canonsburg	29	2d Mon.....	151		9	2	1	1	156
298	Geo. W. Bartram..	Media	36	2d Mon.....	239	2	11		2	5	245

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299	Muncy.....	Muncy	18	1st Thur.....	230	2	13		3	4	238
300	Mount Moriah.....	Huntingdon.....	34	2d Mon.....	206		12		10	5	203
301	Waverly.....	Clark's Summit..	13	Tues. F. M....	148	3	8	7		6	146
302	Eureka	Mechanicsburg ..	3	1st Mon.....	197	1	8			5	201
303	Oil Creek	Titusville	25	3d Tues.....	159		4		1	8	154
304	Western Star.....	Albion.....	24	3d Tues.....	115		9		1	2	121
305	Hawley.....	Hawley.....	14	Tues. F. M....	87	1	3			1	90
306	Trojan	Troy.....	16	2d Tues.....	150	4	11		3	1	161
307	Williamson.....	Womelsdorf.....	7	1st Thur.....	199		18			3	214
308	Fort Washington..	Fort Washington	8	3d Sat.....	123		9			4	128
309	Williamson.....	Downingtown...	5	Fri. F. M....	159		16		1	2	172
310	Warren.....	Collegeville	6	Sat. F. M....	171		17	1		4	183
311	Portland	Portland.....	50	2d Thur.....	117		5	4	1	2	115
312	Summit.....	Ebensburg	41	2d Tues.....	259		9	3		1	264
313	Indiana.....	Indiana.....	39	2d Tues.....	191	1	15		1	3	203
314	Clearfield	Clearfield.....	21	1st Fri.....	203	3	7			1	212
315	Cumberland Valley	Shippensburg....	3	2d Fri.....	92		22			1	113
316	Myrtle.....	Franklin.....	23	1st Mon.....	285	12	8	8	3	3	291
317	Ossea.....	Wellsboro.....	17	1st Tues.....	237	1	15	7	1	4	241
318	McKinley.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	1st Tues.....	530	2	39	2	6	3	560
319	Adams	New Bloomfield ..	19	Wed. F. M....	87		5		1	1	90
320	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	34	2d Thur	169	1	6		1	3	172
321	Hailman.....	Pittsburgh	48	3d Tues.....	502	1	22	5	8	7	505
322	West Chester.....	West Chester....	5	1st Mon.....	272		21	1		8	284
323	Peter Williamson..	Scranton.....	13	1st Tues.....	627	9	30	9	4	9	644
324	Union	Mifflintown	19	2d Thur.....	148		5			1	152
325	Barger.....	Stroudsburg.....	50	1st Tues.....	220	1	14	1		7	227
326	Lehigh	Trexlerstown....	10	Tues. F. M....	126	1	9			2	134
327	Hazle.....	Hazleton.....	45	1st Mon.....	326		16	1	15	5	321
328	Freedom.....	Jackson.....	15	Wed. F. M....	58		3	4		1	56
330	Salem.....	Hamlin.....	14	Mon. F. M....	125	1	12	1		4	133
331	Ligonier.....	Ligonier.....	30	Fri. b. F. M..	121		10		4	2	125
332	Plymouth.....	Plymouth.....	12	Tues. F. M....	140		4	2	2	3	137
333	Barger.....	Allentown	10	3d Fri.....	312	2	14	1	1	4	322
334	Union	Bradford.....	22	2d Thur.....	401	5	16	5	3	6	408
335	Eureka	Montoursville ...	18	Fri. b. F. M..	137		6				143
336	Good Samaritan ...	Gettysburg.....	4	2d Thur.....	164	3	13			3	177
337	Henry M. Phillips.	Monongahela....	43	2d Tues.....	249	4	15		4	2	262
338	Great Bend.....	Great Bend.....	15	2d Tues.....	88	1	8	3	4	1	89
339	Hyde Park.....	Scranton.....	13	1st Mon.....	505		24		2	7	520
340	Thomson.....	Green Tree.....	5	Wed. F. M....	226		14			7	233
341	Factoryville.....	Factoryville.....	15	Mon. F. M....	157		10			3	164
342	Eulalia	Coudersport.....	44	2d Wed.....	211	3	8	1			221
343	Skerrett.....	Cochranville....	5	Tues. F. M....	164		5			3	166
344	Milford	Milford.....	14	Wed. F. M....	99	1	6			3	103
345	Schiller.....	Scranton.....	13	2d Mon.....	403	7	29	6	1	4	428

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346	King Solomon's . . .	Connellsville . . .	31	1st Tues.	275		6			5	276
347	Lake Erie	Girard	24	1st Wed.	149	2	6	5	5	1	146
348	Patmos	Hanover	4	2d Tues.	199	1	11		1		210
349	Catawissa	Catawissa	35	1st Tues.	130	1	10	1	3	2	135
350	Bloss	Blossburg	17	Sat. F. M.	207	1	7			3	212
351	Cowanesque	Knoxville	17	Wed. F. M.	98	1	1	6	1		93
352	Lucius H. Scott. . . .	Chester	36	1st Tues.	388		28	1	2	11	402
353	Oxford	Oxford	36	Wed. F. M.	192		10	1	1	3	197
354	Sylvania	Shickshinny	12	1st Mon.	122		2	1	1	1	121
355	Acacia	Blairsville	39	2d Thur.	162	2	7			3	168
357	Mahanoy City	Mahanoy City	11	3d Thur.	127		9		2	5	129
358	Somerset	Somerset	41	2d Tues.	186	1	21	1	1	4	202
359	Humboldt	Philadelphia	E	4th Thur.	201		8			7	202
360	Canawacta	Susquehanna	15	1st Fri.	154	7	5	4	2	4	156
361	Big Spring	Newville	3	2d Thur.	113				3	1	109
362	Tyrian	Erie	24	1st Fri.	291	3	25	1	1	5	312
363	Petrolia	Oil City	23	1st Fri.	487		22		1	9	499
364	Susquehanna	Millersburg	2	1st Fri.	134	3	12			5	144
365	Corry	Corry	24	1st Tues.	141	1	7	1	2	2	144
366	Eureka	Union City	24	1st Fri.	103	1	4	1		3	104
367	Teutonia	Reading	7	3d Thur.	120		6	1		5	120
368	Corinthian	Philadelphia	A	3d Tues.	228	1	19			5	243
369	Williamson	"	F	3d Thur.	216	1	20	2		4	231
370	Mifflinburg	Mifflinburg	18	Mon. F. M.	110		5			1	114
371	Lamberton	Thompstontown . . .	19	Mon. F. M.	43		1				44
372	Spartan	Spartansburg	25	1st Mon.	67		2		1	2	66
373	Tioga	Tioga	17	3d Thur.	102		5		1	1	105
374	Davage	Pittsburgh, N. S. . .	53	2d Thur.	438	1	23		2	7	453
375	Alliquippa	McKeesport	49	1st Tues.	395		12	2	6	6	393
376	McVeytown	McVeytown	19	1st Tues.	69		3			1	71
377	Huguenot	Kutztown	7	Sat. F. M.	201		17	1	3	6	208
378	Mount Carmel	Mt. Carmel	46	2d Thur.	129		5			2	132
379	Elk	Ridgway	33	2d Tues.	254		19	2	3	5	263
380	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	D	1st Tues.	263	2	30	3	3	6	283
381	Newport	Newport	19	2d Tues.	108		7		1	1	113
382	Emporium	Emporium	33	2d Tues.	143	1	18		2	5	155
383	Goddard	Coatesville	5	1st Tues.	213	1	16			7	223
384	Richard Vaux	Philadelphia	H	1st Mon.	477	3	42	5		6	511
385	Oriental	"	C	1st Thur.	918	1	90	12		13	984
386	Apollo	"	E	3d Wed.	469	1	31		3	21	477
388	McKean	Smethport	22	2d Wed.	137		6		2	2	139
389	Kedron	West Middlesex . . .	26	1st Mon.	77		11			2	86
390	McCandless	Pittsburgh	51	2d Wed.	453	1	29		9	11	463
391	Moshannon	Philipsburg	21	2d Thur.	218		7	1	2	2	220
392	Perry	Erie	24	2d Tues.	332	3	15	2	3	1	344
393	Vaux	Philadelphia	C	4th Tues.	412	2	52	6	2	8	450
395	Kingston	Kingston	12	2d Wed.	305	2	25	1	2	4	325
396	Dallas	Easton	9	1st Tues.	326	1	22	6	4	6	333
397	Ivy	Williamsport	18	1st Tues.	455		35		4	10	476
398	Ashara	Marietta	1	Mon. F. M.	100		12	3	2	2	105

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399	North East.....	North East.....	24	1st Wed.....	188		12		2	8	190
400	Friendship.....	Jenkintown.....	8	2d Tues.....	375	5	15	2	1	6	386
401	Watson town.....	Watson town.....	46	Tues. F. M... 142	142	1	10	2		4	147
402	Perkins.....	Philadelphia.....	E	1st Fri.....	365		31		3	8	385
404	Eureka.....	Northumberland..	46	3d Mon.....	108	1	7			2	114
405	Howell.....	Honey Brook.....	5	Wed. F. M... 144	144		3	1	2	3	141
406	Vaux.....	Hamburg.....	7	2d Thur.....	204		14			2	216
408	.....	Meadville.....	25	1st Mon.....	160	1	11		2	3	167
409	Pine Grove.....	Pine Grove.....	11	1st Mon.....	79		13			1	91
410	W. K. Bray.....	Hatboro.....	8	3d Wed.....	163		10	2		4	167
411	Meridian.....	Enon Valley.....	37	Fri. F. M.... 96	96	2	2				100
412	Temple.....	Tidioute.....	23	2d Tues.....	72		1	1		1	71
413	Manoquesy.....	Bath.....	50	2d Thur.....	86		4	2	1	1	86
414	Elysburg.....	Elysburg.....	46	Thur. F. M.. 66	66	1	5				72
415	Canton.....	Canton.....	16	Tues. F. M... 154	154		8		1	1	160
416	Oasis.....	Edinboro.....	24	2d Tues.....	62	1	4				67
417	Christiana.....	Christiana.....	1	Thur. F. M.. 197	197		11	2		1	205
418	Roman.....	Rome.....	16	Sat. F. M.... 61	61	1	3				65
419	Wm. B. Schnider..	Philadelphia.....	C	2d Tues.....	602	2	34	7	1	14	616
420	Fritz.....	Conshohocken... 6	6	3d Tues.....	286		17		1	4	298
421	Osceola.....	Elkland.....	17	2d Fri.....	99		9		2	1	105
423	Shrewsbury.....	Shrewsbury.....	4	Tues. F. M... 112	112		8			1	119
424	Adelphic.....	Jamestown.....	26	1st Tues.....	101		2				103
425	Waterford.....	Waterford.....	24	Tues. F. M... 109	109	3	3		1	1	113
426	Cressona.....	Cressona.....	11	Thur. F. M... 84	84		3				87
427	Newtown.....	Newtown.....	8	2d Wed.....	126		15			3	138
428	Smithfield.....	East Smithfield..	16	Fri. F. M.... 45	45	2	4		3		48
429	Harmony.....	Zelienople.....	37	Thur. F. M... 107	107	3	3		3		110
430	Stuckrath.....	Pittsburgh, N. S..	32	2d Thur.....	661	1	34		7	8	681
431	Williamson.....	Saltsburg.....	39	1st Tues.....	84		7			1	90
432	.....	Philadelphia.....	F	2d Thur.....	378	2	28	1		5	402
433	Lodge of the Craft.	New Castle.....	26	3d Tues.....	379	3	27		4	6	399
434	Lake.....	Sandy Lake.....	26	2d Thur.....	187	1	4		1		191
435	St. John's.....	Reading.....	7	1st Fri.....	341		19	2	1	2	355
436	Mozart.....	Philadelphia.....	G	2d Tues.....	459	4	30	5	1	6	481
437	Apollo.....	Apollo.....	39	2d Tues.....	106	1	14		1	2	118
438	Nicholson.....	Nicholson.....	15	Sat. F. M.... 115	115		3	4		1	113
439	Forest City.....	Forest City.....	15	1st Mon.....	95			2			93
440	Slatington.....	Slatington.....	10	Thur. F. M... 157	157		7			3	161
441	Potter.....	Philadelphia.....	H	3d Fri.....	638	3	39	2	2	13	663
442	Landmark.....	Wilkes-Barre....	12	2d Mon.....	503	2	47	3		5	544
443	Mount Pisgah.....	Greencastle.....	3	Tues. F. M... 116	116		7	1		2	120
444	Philo.....	Philadelphia.....	B	3d Tues.....	371		17	7	3	8	370
445	Harford.....	Hop Bottom.....	15	Thur. F. M... 100	100		6	10			96
446	Mount Pickering...	Upper Uwchlan..	40	Mon. b. F. M. 159	159		4			2	161
447	Claysville.....	Claysville.....	29	Fri. F. M.... 81	81	1	2		3		81
448	Zeredatha.....	Sharpsburg.....	32	2d Thur.....	415	1	28	6	3	4	431
449	Ivanhoe.....	Philadelphia.....	G	2d Thur.....	501	4	42		1	9	537

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450	Stephen Girard	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed	440	2	39	2	2	9	468
451	Zeredatha	York	42	*	269	1	22	4		3	285
453	Welcome	Philadelphia	A	3d Thur	320	5	32	1	1	3	352
454	Richard Vaux	Burgettstown	29	4th Fri	154	1	7	5	2	4	151
455	Keystone	Erie	24	3d Tues	352	4	40	5	2	5	384
456	Covenant	Philadelphia	H	2d Tues	417	1	23	3		10	428
457	St. James	Beaver	37	3d Thur	224	1	12	1	2	3	231
458	Perry	Marysville	19	1st Tues	123		15		1	4	133
459	Valley	Masontown	31	Thur. F. M	159		14	2	1	2	168
460	Oriental	Orangeville	35	F. M. Tues	60	1				1	60
461	Monongahela Valley	California	43	3d Mon	134	2	15		2	2	147
462	Knapp	Berwick	35	1st Fri	267	3	23	1	1	3	288
463	Shepherd	Titusville	25	1st Mon	146	2	16		4	1	159
464	Robert Burns	Harrisburg	2	3d Thur	658	3	47		2	7	699
465	Hebron	New Oxford	4	3d Mon	106		1			1	106
466	Kingsbury	Olyphant	13	1st Fri	155		7	4			158
467	Laurel	White Haven	45	Mon. F. M	72	1	3		2	3	71
468	Wyoming	Wyoming	12	Last Fri	146		8	4	1	2	147
469	Saucon	Coopersburg	10	2d Tues	84		5			1	88
470	Palestine	Philadelphia	C	2d Thur	352	1	24	1		7	369
471	Le Ray	Le Raysville	16	Sat. F. M	48		1			1	48
472	Mount Hermon	Uniondale	15	Fri. F. M	74		2	1	1	1	73
473	Covenant	Cambridge Spr'gs	25	2d Fri	163		5			1	167
474	Coalville	Ashley	12	2d Tues	184	1	10	1		3	191
475	Kennett	Kennett Square . . .	36	Thur. F. M	184	1	5		1	3	186
476	Lamberton	Lancaster	1	1st Tues	353		13	2		5	359
477	Westfield	Westfield	17	Tues. F. M	145		10	2	3		150
478	Beaver Valley	Beaver Falls	37	3d Tues	205		13		2	5	211
479	Union	Birdsboro	7	Thur. F. M	156		13				169
480	Noble	Curwensville	21	Tues. F. M	129		3	1	2	1	128
481	St. Paul's	Philadelphia	F	1st Thur	591	4	23	6	2	15	595
482	Athelstan	"	E	1st Tues	295		47		1	4	337
483	Fraternal	Rouseville	23	1st Wed	111		3	3	1	2	108
484	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	51	2d Mon	724		45	10	13	13	733
485	Glasgow	Midland	37	Tues. F. M	92		10	1	1	3	97
486	Prince Edwin	Middletown	2	1st Mon	128		7			4	131
487	Rob't A. Lamberton	Philadelphia	F	1st Tues	379	2	47		1	9	418
490	Logan	Altoona	20	1st Tues	405		31	2	2	4	428
491	Excelsior	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed	389	1	28	5	1	5	407
493	Crescent	"	A	2d Mon	387	4	34	2		9	414
494	Tyrone	Tyrone	20	3d Mon	268	1	14			8	275
495	Renovo	Renovo	33	1st Tues	200		11	2	3	2	204
496	Charles M. Howell	Millersville	1	Fri. F. M	125		3	1	1	3	123
498	Pine	Linesville	25	1st Tues	103		10			2	111
499	Valley	Pittston	12	1st Thur	231		27	4	3	3	248
500	Wm. C. Hamilton	Philadelphia	F	3d Wed	724	1	60	4	3	20	758
502	Pollock	Tarentum	32	1st Thur	293	1	27		1		320
503	Riverside	Wrightsville	42	3d Mon	77			1		1	75

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504	Moscow.....	Moscow.....	13	Fri. F. M.....	106	1	8		1	1	113
505	Liberty.....	Port Allegany...	22	1st Tues.....	105	2	12			1	118
506	Jerusalem.....	Philadelphia....	H	2d Thur.....	520	2	91	6	2	10	595
507	New Milford.....	New Milford....	15	3d Wed.....	57			7	1	1	48
508	Dallas.....	Pittsburgh.....	51	1st Fri.....	1172	6	97	12	41	14	1208
509	Germania.....	".....	47	2d Fri.....	203		7		4	3	203
510	Braddock's Field...	Braddock.....	38	3d Tues.....	435	1	22		2	2	454
511	Shenandoah.....	Shenandoah.....	11	2d Wed.....	111		7		1	6	111
512	Quakertown.....	Quakertown.....	8	2d Thur.....	144		4			3	145
513	Guyasuta.....	Pittsburgh.....	47	3d Tues.....	286	1	20		11	6	290
515	Osceola.....	Osceola Mills....	21	2d Mon.....	197		5	3		4	195
516	Mahoning.....	Danville.....	35	2d Tues.....	180	1	10		2	2	187
517	Sharpsville.....	Sharpsville....	26	1st Thur.....	83		8	3	1		87
518	Westmoreland.....	Greensburg.....	30	3d Tues.....	211		14		1	1	223
519	Gothic.....	Philadelphia....	E	3d Thur.....	332	3	17	4	1	6	341
520	Canby.....	St. Petersburg...	27	1st Thur.....	114	1	4	3	1	3	112
521	Parker City.....	Parker's Landing	27	1st Mon.....	99		5			1	103
522	New Bethlehem...	New Bethlehem..	27	1st Thur.....	174	1	12	5		2	180
523	Aurora.....	Jermyn.....	13	3d Tues.....	93		4	2		1	94
524	Everett.....	Everett.....	34	Fri. F. M....	187		14		1	2	198
525	Ionic.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	1st Mon.....	599	1	36		2	7	627
526	Stephen Bayard...	Elizabeth.....	43	3d Mon.....	199		11	2	1	3	204
527	Philates.....	Philadelphia....	B	2d Fri.....	254	2	26	3		5	274
528	Mount Horeb.....	".....	F	2d Tues.....	345		29	1	1	2	370
529	St. Alban.....	".....	G	1st Thur.....	373	4	25		2	8	392
530	Bellevue.....	Bellevue.....	53	3d Mon.....	511	6	27	2	4	4	534
531	George M. Dallas..	Dallas.....	12	Thur. F. M...	89	1	6				96
532	Driftwood.....	Driftwood.....	33	2d Fri.....	98		1	2	1		96
533	Wattsburg.....	Wattsburg.....	24	2d Fri.....	48					1	47
534	John W. Jenks...	Punxsutawney...	21	1st Tues.....	201		28		3	1	225
535	Oakland.....	Pittsburgh.....	51	1st Mon.....	212		16		4	1	223
536	John M. Read.....	Reynoldsville...	27	2d Tues.....	93	1	4		1	3	94
537	Old Fort.....	Center Hall.....	21	Mon. F. M...	99		6	1		1	103
538	Johnstown.....	Johnstown.....	41	1st Thur.....	347	1	32	3	1	5	371
539	Woodbury.....	Roaring Spring..	20	3d Thur.....	126	1	9				136
540	Argyle.....	Chicora.....	27	3d Mon.....	175		9			2	182
541	Nanticoke.....	Nanticoke.....	12	2d Thur.....	218		11		2	3	224
542	Waymart.....	Waymart.....	14	Tues. F. M...	49		6		1		54
543	Fernwood.....	Philadelphia....	B	4th Thur.....	569	8	50	5	1	5	616
544	Centennial.....	Carnegie.....	47	1st Mon.....	386	2	26	5	6	3	400
545	New London.....	West Grove.....	36	Mon. F. M...	117		5				122
546	Duquesne.....	Pittsburgh.....	48	2d Thur.....	535	1	23	1	8	7	543
547	Stillwater.....	Sugar Grove....	23	Fri. F. M....	62		2				64
548	Verona.....	Verona.....	38	1st Tues.....	173		16	4	2	1	182
549	Reading.....	Reading.....	7	2d Thur.....	370	1	22	4		2	387
550	Edenburg.....	Edenburg.....	27	1st Tues.....	66		1				67
551	Casiphia.....	Mount Joy.....	1	Fri. F. M....	76		1			1	76
552	Allegheny Valley..	Emlenton.....	27	2d Tues.....	146		15		1	1	159
553	Spring City.....	Spring City.....	40	1st Thur.....	166		10			1	175
554	Meyersdale.....	Meyersdale.....	41	1st Mon.....	214		11	1		2	222

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555	Northern Star	Duke Center	22	1st Tues.	82		6		1	2	85
556	Lewisville.	Ulysses	44	1st Wed.	103	1	2			1	105
557	Olive.	Tionesta	23	2d Mon.	102		5		1	1	105
558	Shiloh	Lansdale.	6	2d Tues.	235	1	14	1	1	2	246
559	Garfield.	Du Bois.	21	1st Thur.	248		4	1	2	6	243
560	Eldred.	Eldred.	22	2d Tues.	54		1	2		1	52
561	Greenleaf	Allentown	10	3d Thur.	425	3	24			6	446
562	Marion	Scottdale.	30	2d Thur.	194		9		1	3	199
563	Hellertown.	Hellertown.	9	3d Fri.	97	1	4	2		2	98
564	Coatesville	Coatesville	5	2d Thur.	236		11		2	7	238
565	Bangor	Bangor.	50	2d Wed.	136			1			135
566	Kane	Kane.	22	1st Wed.	160	5	13		1	1	176
567	Prosperity.	Riegelsville	9	2d Fri.	85		3			3	85
568	La Monte.	Derry Station.	30	1st Thur.	109		3		4	3	105
569	Keystone.	Parkesburg.	5	F. M. Fri.	109		3	1	3	2	106
570	Ashlar.	Lykens	2	Tues. F. M.	152		5			3	154
571	Wilcox	Wilcox	33	1st Tues.	60	1	8	1	1	2	65
572	Cromwell.	Orbisonia	34	Last Tues.	83	3	4		19	1	70
573	Corinthian.	Millvale Borough	32	2d Fri.	197		8		2		203
574	Coalport.	Coalport	21	4th Mon.	129		15			5	139
575	Hebron.	Mercer.	26	2d Mon.	136		7		3	2	138
576	Crescent	Pittsburgh	52	2d Tues.	318	1	16	4	2	4	325
577	Leechburg	Leechburg	27	2d Thur.	101		4			1	104
578	Prospect	Moore.	36	1st Thur.	316	2	41	1	2	2	354
579	Acacia.	Taylor.	13	1st Mon.	250	3	18	4	2	4	261
580	Arcana	Austin.	44	4th Wed.	84	1	1	3	1		82
581	Wayne	Wayne	6	3d Tues.	138	1	20	1	1	3	154
582	Homestead.	Homestead	38	3d Mon.	492		13		29		476
583	Youghiogheny.	McKeesport.	49	3d Tues.	439		25	4	2	3	455
584	King Solomon	Dunmore.	13	1st Mon.	187	1	14		1	3	198
585	Royersford	Royersford	40	2d Fri.	133	2	10	3		2	140
586	Acacia.	Waynesboro.	4	3d Fri.	143		7			3	147
587	Manheim	Manheim	1	Mon. F. M.	130		2		1	2	129
588	Oriental Star	Peckville	13	2d Tues.	144		12			3	153
589	Hyndman.	Hyndman.	34	3d Mon.	75	1	2		1	2	75
590	Orient.	Wilkinsburg	38	1st Tues.	608		43	9	11	5	626
591	Equity	Philadelphia	F	2d Wed.	312		42	1	2	6	345
592	Adelpha.	Harrison Valley.	44	2d Tues.	47		2			1	48
593	Blyth	West Newton	30	Mon. F. M.	161		11		1	2	169
594	Pen Argyl	Pen Argyl	50	1st Thur.	96	1	3	2		3	95
595	Perkiomen	East Greenville.	40	F. M. Tues.	82		5				87
596	MacCalla	Sellersville	8	2d Mon.	119		6				125
597	Green Ridge.	Scranton	13	2d Fri.	303		13	1	5	1	309
598	Sharon.	Shinglehouse	44	2d Thur.	108		7		1	1	113
599	Ellwood	Ellwood City.	26	2d Tues.	143		6		1	1	147
600	Tacony	Philadelphia	G	3d Tues.	287		32	2	1	5	311
601	Shidle	Irwin	30	1st Tues.	184		15		4	3	192
602	Galeton.	Galeton.	44	1st Tues.	177		7	1	2	1	180
603	Grove City.	Grove City.	26	3d Tues.	191	4	14	1	3	4	201
604	Garfield	McDonald	29	2d Tues.	170	2	22				194

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605	E. Coppée Mitchell	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.	367	1	20	1	1	1	385
606	Radiant Star.	"	C	4th Mon.	189	1	34		1		223
607	Olivet	"	E	4th Tues.	555	3	48	3	4	5	594
608	Joppa	Pittsburgh	48	1st Tues.	291		19	4	8	2	296
609	Progress	Philadelphia	A	4th Wed.	447	5	32	5		8	471
610	University.	"	H	4th Fri.	1148	8	78		4	11	1219
611	Arbutus	Freeland.	45	3d Tues.	122		2		2	1	121
612	Tyrian	Wilmerding.	49	1st Thur.	315		20		2	1	332
613	Valley	Turtle Creek.	49	2d Tues.	227	1	22		2	2	246
614	James Cochran	Dawson.	31	2d Tues.	76	3	6				85
615	Charleroi.	Charleroi.	43	2d Thur.	231	3	14		3	2	243
616	Hiram	Altoona.	20	3d Thur.	196		10	2		1	203
617	Kiskiminetas.	Vandergrift	39	1st Tues.	171		7		1		177
618	Wyalusing.	Wyalusing.	16	Fri. F. M.	96	1	3		1		99
619	Middleburg	Middleburg	46	*	92		3			1	94
620	Norristown.	Norristown.	6	3d Mon.	342	2	22		1	4	361
621	Lehighton	Lehighton	45	1st Thur.	151		6			3	154
622	Whitfield.	Nazareth.	50	2d Mon.	106		8		1	1	112
623	Sunset	Washington.	29	3d Mon.	181	1	17	1	1	4	193
624	Henry W. Williams	Philadelphia	D	2d Tues.	158	5	25	2	1	3	182
625	Concord.	Concordville.	36	Wed. F. M.	118		7				125
626	Donora	Donora.	43	3d Tues.	139	1	11	1	3	1	146
627	Mount Jewett.	Mount Jewett	22	4th Mon.	93		7		3		97
628	J. Simpson Africa . .	East Stroudsburg. .	50	4th Thur.	156		16	2		2	168
629	Harrisburg.	Harrisburg.	2	1st Thur.	273	4	21			3	295
630	Doric.	Sewickley.	53	2d Thur.	182	1	23	1		2	203
631	Colonial	Philadelphia	H	1st Fri.	82		4		2	1	83
632	Maclay	Sunbury	46	†	223		30				253
633	Acacia	Marienville	23	1st Wed.	69		2	4	1		66
634	Fort Pitt.	Pittsburgh	48	1st Mon.	376	2	41		7	4	408
635	Homewood.	"	48	3d Mon.	403		71	4	9	4	457
636	Michael Arnold. . . .	Philadelphia	G	3d Mon.	275	5	34			6	308
637	Chapman.	Northampton	9	2d Wed.	160		16		1		175
638	Monessen.	Monessen.	43	1st Tues.	176		14		3		187
639	George E. Wagner.	Saint Marys.	33	1st Mon.	118	1	6		1	1	123
640	East Brady.	East Brady.	27	1st Thur.	108	1	8				117
641	McKeesport.	McKeesport.	49	2d Fri.	271	1	14	2			284
642	New Castle.	New Castle.	26	1st Mon.	231		13			2	242
643	Belle Vernon.	Belle Vernon.	43	1st Mon.	105		9			3	111
644	Tyrian.	New Kensington. . .	30	2d Tues.	136	1	12			1	148
645	Conrad B. Day	Philadelphia	G	2d Fri.	130		13	2	2	1	138
646	William L. Elkins.	"	H	1st Thur.	346	1	52	3		3	393
647	Beta	Wilkinsburg	38	2d Mon.	366		39	5	9	1	390
648	H. Stanley Goodwin	South Bethlehem . .	9	3d Wed.	197	1	17	1	3	1	210
649	Red Lion.	Red Lion	42	Thur. F. M.	116		8				124
650	Geter C. Shidle. . . .	Pittsburgh	52	2d Fri.	251		27	2	21	1	254

*No. 619 meets evening before Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Monday; then that evening.

†No. 632 meets first Tuesday, except when Moon is full on that day; then next evening.

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651	Laurel.....	Uniontown	31	1st Mon.....	88		5		1		92
652	La Fayette.....	Carnegie.....	47	1st Tues.....	239		15	4	3	1	246
653	Crafton.....	Crafton.....	47	2d Fri.	336	4	33	2	9	3	359
654	Charles M. Swain .	Philadelphia	D	1st Fri.	246	2	31	2	29	2	246
655	Fidelity	Wilkes-Barre ...	12	1st Tues.....	290	1	32	3	1	2	317
656	Swissvale	Swissvale.....	38	2d Mon.....	170		30	1	4	1	194
657	Avalon	Bellevue.....	53	1st Tues.....	289	5	45	1	4	3	331
658	Patton	Patton.....	41	3d Tues.....	114		10	3		1	120
659	Thomas R. Patton..	Philadelphia	G	3d Wed.....	195	1	29	2	1	3	219
660	Isaac Hiester.....	Reading	7	3d Mon.....	284	1	23	3		3	302
661	Mat. H. Henderson	Philadelphia	D	2d Fri.....	152	3	13	1	1		166
662	Parian	Beaver Falls	37	1st Fri.....	132		9			1	140
663	Friendship.....	Fawn Grove	42	Wed. F.M....	48		4				52
664	Moosic	Moosic	13	2d Mon.....	72		10				82
665	Ephrata	Ephrata	1	2d Tues.....	107		16			3	120
666	Brownstone	Hummelstown...	2	2d Tues.....	63		13				76
667	Benton	Benton	35	1st Fri.....	71		4	1		1	73
668	Shenango	Sharon.....	26	3d Fri.....	176	1	34			1	210
669	Oakdale.....	Oakdale.....	47	3d Mon.....	83		7		2	1	87
670	Cedar	Mount Carmel...	46	2d Tues.....	148		9		1	2	154
671	Peter A. B. Widener	Philadelphia	D	2d Mon.....	88	2	14				104
672	Woodlawn.....	Woodlawn.....	37	3d Fri.....	116		18		1		133
673	Jordan.....	Allentown	10	3d Tues.....	511		23	1		2	531
674	Coraopolis.....	Coraopolis.....	47	2d Tues.....	137	1	24				162
675	James W. Brown..	Johnsonburg....	33	2d Mon.....	71		7			1	77
676	Park	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	3d Mon.....	113		25		4	1	133
677	Panther Valley	Lansford.....	11	3d Fri.....	109		14				123
678	Temple.....	Pittsburgh.....	52	3d Thur.....	149	2	21		2	2	168
679	Fellowship.....	"	52	3d Fri.....	167	12	19			1	197
680	Bellefield.....	"	52	2d Fri.....	83	2	34				119
681	West Shore.....	Camp Hill.....	3	3d Fri.....	47	3	44				94
682	.....	Elizabethtown...	1	3d Mon.....	49		14				63
683	Wilkinsburg	Wilkinsburg....	38	1st Thur....		72	27				99
684	.....	Dormont.....	47	3d Fri.....		264	38			1	301
685	Amity.....	Homestead.....	38	2d Tues.....		51	27				78
686	Robert R. Bringham	Philadelphia	F	4th Fri.....		37	12				49
687	Azalea.....	Hazleton.....	45	1st Tues.....		19	73				92

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Number of Lodges December 27, 1915.....	497	
Lodges constituted during the year 1916	5	
Number of Lodges December 27, 1916.....	502	
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1915.....		120,546
Admitted during the year 1916	1011	
Initiated during the year 1916	8506	
		9517
Suspended and expelled during the year 1916....	694	
Resigned during the year 1916.....	887	
Deceased during the year 1916.....	1834	
		3415
Increase during the year 1916.....		6102
Membership December 27, 1916.....		126,648

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Mon. F. M. = Monday on or before Full Moon.

F. M. Mon. = Monday on or after Full Moon.

Mon. a. F. M. = Monday after Full Moon.

Mon. b. F. M. = Monday before Full Moon.

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2	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon	269	3	11	3	·	7	273.
3	"	C	3d Tues	382	2	19	3	2	8	390
9	"	B	1st Fri.	676	1	34	5		14	692
19	Montgomery	"	D	1st Thur.	305	1	17		3	6	314
21	Perseverance	Harrisburg	2	2d Mon	674	5	44			11	712
22	.....	Sunbury	46	*	251		14	1	1	2	261
25	Bristol	Bristol	8	Sat. F. M.	225	1	13	1		2	236
43	.....	Lancaster	1	2d Wed.	372	1	8			6	375
45	.....	Pittsburgh	28	Last Wed.	663	4	53	1		8	711
51	.....	Philadelphia	E	4th Thur.	151	2	1	1		8	145
52	Harmony	"	D	1st Mon	419	2	31			8	444
59	Washington	"	A	2d Tues	810		43	3	2	15	833
60	Brownsville	Brownsville	31	1st Mon	217	1	1		4	6	209
61	.....	Wilkes-Barre	12	1st Mon	504	3	27	9	1	9	515
62	.....	Reading	7	1st Mon	379	3	21	4		8	391
67	Concordia	Philadelphia	C	3d Thur.	640	2	48	5	1	6	678
70	Rural Amity	Athens	16	Tues. F. M.	395	1	29	2		5	418
71	La Fayette	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed.	322	2	23	1	1	4	341
72	Philadelphia	"	H	3d Thur.	286	1	13	3	1	9	287
75	Phoenix	Phoenixville	40	Sat. F. M.	308	4	11	2		4	317
81	Hiram	Philadelphia	A	2d Wed.	246	1	13	1	2	6	251
91	Columbia	"	C	4th Mon	201		15		1	7	208
106	.....	Williamsport	18	1st Mon	569	5	27	1	2	10	588
108	Union	Towanda	16	3d Wed.	266	1	7			1	273
114	Solomon's	Philadelphia	B	3d Fri.	310	1	17		2	5	321
115	St. John's	"	E	2d Mon	546	1	25	3	3	4	562
121	Union	"	A	2d Thur.	181	3	8	1		5	186
125	Hermann	"	E	2d Wed.	361	1	14	1	3	7	365
126	Rising Star	"	D	2d Mon	337		7			10	334
130	Phoenix	"	D	3d Wed.	322		16	2	1	6	329
131	Industry	"	G	2d Mon	368	3	25	3	2	4	387
134	Franklin	"	F	†	199	1	13	2		3	208
135	Roxborough	"	A	2d Tues	568		46		2	11	601
138	Schuylkill	Orwigsburg	11	Last Mon	120		8			1	127
143	George Washington	Chambersburg ...	3	2d Fri	274	1	7	5		3	274

* No. 22 meets evening of Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Sunday; then Monday.

† No. 134 meets last week day of every month.

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144	Charity	Lewisburg	18	2d Tues.	138		3	2	1	5	133
152	Easton	Easton	9	1st Thur.	291	1	13	1		4	300
153	Waynesburg	Waynesburg	29	2d Mon.	224		7			5	226
155	Mount Moriah	Philadelphia	B	4th Tues.	838	3	59	4	8	14	874
156	Washington	Quarryville	1	Fri. F. M.	122		1			4	119
158	Meridian Sun.	Philadelphia	D	1st Tues.	913	4	52	3	7	19	940
163	Evergreen	Monroeton	16	Tues. F. M.	220	2	3		2	3	220
164	Washington	Washington	29	1st Mon.	261		14		3	4	268
186	Eastern Star	Philadelphia	C	2d Wed.	271	3	25	2	1	5	291
187	Integrity	"	D	2d Thur.	277		17			6	288
190	Charity	Norristown	6	1st Mon.	538	2	19	4	2	7	546
194	La Fayette	Selinsgrove	46	Fri. F. M.	181	2	18	1		6	194
197	Cumberland Star ..	Carlisle	3	2d Tues.	234		5	2		4	233
199	La Fayette	Lock Haven	33	2d Thur.	261	2	12		1	1	273
203	Lewistown	Lewistown	19	2d Tues.	303	3	21		1	3	323
211	Kensington	Philadelphia	F	1st Fri.	594		24	1	3	23	591
216	Pulaski	Pottsville	11	3d Mon.	286		13	1	1	9	288
218	Honesdale	Honesdale	14	1st Thur.	178	2	6			1	185
219	St. John's	Pittsburgh	28	2d Thur.	680	3	25	5	8	7	688
220	Portage	Hollidaysburg ..	20	1st Tues.	160		4	1			163
221	Franklin	Pittsburgh	28	3d Thur.	568	5	37	1	10	14	585
222	Minersville ..	Minersville	11	2d Thur.	105		9			3	111
223	Allegheny	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	2d Mon.	483	1	15	4	5	7	483
224	Danville	Danville	35	3d Tues.	170		11	1		3	177
225	Philanthropy	Greensburg	30	2d Mon.	206		9	3		6	206
226	Mount Lebanon ..	Lebanon	2	3d Thur.	364	1	28		1	14	378
227	Chandler	Reading	7	1st Tues.	538		27	1		12	552
228	Fayette	Uniontown	31	2d Mon.	276	2	9	12		3	272
229	Rochester	Rochester	37	1st Fri.	368		27		1	3	391
230	Richmond	Philadelphia	F	2d Wed.	398		12	1	2	4	403
231	Solomon	Pittsburgh	28	1st Thur.	198		20	2		6	210
232	La Belle Vallée ...	Jersey Shore	18	1st Fri.	259	2	10		1	2	268
233	St. John's	Pittston	12	2nd Tues.	275		26	6	1	3	291
234	Crawford	Meadville	25	1st Thur.	173	3	10		3		183
236	Chester	Chester	36	1st Thur.	513	4	52	2		5	562
237	Beallsville	Beallsville	29	Wed. F. M.	139		3		3	1	138
238	Tamaqua	Tamaqua	11	2d Fri.	273		20			6	287
239	Armstrong ..	Freeport	27	3d Mon.	108		1			1	108
240	Warren	Montrose	15	Wed. F. M.	139		5		1	3	140
241	North Star	Warren	23	3d Thur.	378	3	25		3	5	398
242	Carbon	Mauch Chunk ..	45	2d Wed.	144		6			4	146
243	Mahoning	New Castle	26	2d Tues.	426	6	27	1		9	449
244	Kittanning	Kittanning	27	1st Tues.	199	2	12			2	211
245	Doylestown	Doylestown	8	Fri. F. M.	252		7	2		5	252
246	Shekinah	Philadelphia	A	3d Mon.	609	1	21	1	1	11	618
247	Friendship	Mansfield	17	Mon. F. M.	138	1			1	2	136
248	Temple	Tunkhannock ...	16	Mon. F. M.	213		7			5	215
249	Carbondale	Carbondale	13	1st Wed.	401		12	1	1	5	406
250	Sharon	Sharon	26	1st Fri.	343		20		2	2	359
252	Gummert	Fayette City	31	Mon. F. M.	178	2	12			5	187

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253	Washington.....	Pittsburgh	28	Last Tues....	635	2	70	4	1	8	694
254	Stichter.....	Pottstown.....	40	2d Wed.....	351	2	19		1	6	365
255	Shamokin.....	Shamokin.....	46	1st Fri.....	385	1	25	2	1	6	402
256	Milton.....	Milton.....	46	1st Mon.....	223	1	17	4	2	1	234
258	Western Crawford .	Conneautville ...	25	1st Mon.....	84	1	3		1	1	86
259	Union.....	New Brighton ..	37	1st Tues.....	200	2	4	3	1	2	200
260	St. John's.....	Carlisle.....	3	3d Thur.....	224	1	9	1	2	1	230
261	Hiram.....	Scranton.....	13	1st Thur.....	289	1	13			1	302
262	Orrstown.....	Orrstown.....	3	Thur. F. M... 65			2	1			66
263	Franklin.....	Laceyville.....	16	Tues. F. M... 102		1	7		1		109
264	Columbus.....	Columbus.....	23	Thur. F. M... 37				1		1	35
265	Washington.....	Bloomsburg.....	35	3d Mon.....	267	1	26		1	2	291
266	York.....	York.....	42	*	294		26	1	1	8	310
267	Swatara.....	Tremont.....	11	2d Thur.....	142		6			2	146
268	Bellefonte.....	Bellefonte.....	21	Tues. F. M... 216			4		1	5	214
269	Monongahela.....	Pittsburgh.....	47	1st Fri.....	710		20	1	8	3	718
270	Page.....	Schuylkill Haven	11	2d Fri.....	180		10			2	188
271	Keystone.....	Philadelphia....	C	1st Mon.....	388	2	41	2	2	10	417
272	Butler.....	Butler.....	27	1st Thur.....	386	3	39	2	1	6	419
273	Cassia.....	Ardmore.....	6	1st Thur.....	501	1	48	1	1	9	539
274	Hamilton.....	Philadelphia....	G	4th Tues.....	505	1	39	4	2	7	532
275	Loyalhanna.....	Latrobe.....	30	1st Mon.....	167		12		1	1	177
276	Hobah.....	Brookville.....	27	2d Mon.....	201		16		1	5	211
277	Clarion.....	Clarion.....	27	1st Mon.....	196	3	16			3	212
278	Cambria.....	Johnstown.....	41	2d Tues.....	451		32	1	2	6	474
281	Mountain.....	Altoona.....	20	3d Tues.....	354	1	16		1	7	363
282	Juniata.....	Holidaysburg...	20	2d Mon.....	152		2	1		4	149
283	Bethlehem.....	Bethlehem.....	9	1st Tues.....	272	5	30	1		2	304
284	Porter.....	Catasauqua.....	10	1st Fri.....	216	1	12		1	6	222
285	Anthracite.....	St. Clair.....	11	3d Wed.....	120		10	1		5	124
286	Columbia.....	Columbia.....	1	1st Thur.....	233	1	6		1	11	228
287	Milnor.....	Pittsburgh.....	51	3d Tues.....	983	3	35	6	6	13	996
288	Jefferson.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	1st Wed.....	180		11		1	5	185
289	Orient.....	Philadelphia....	G	4th Fri.....	358	2	17		3	4	370
290	Eureka.....	Greenville.....	26	1st Mon.....	251	1	6	2		2	254
291	Union.....	Scranton.....	13	1st Fri.....	579	6	26	12	3	11	585
292	Frankford.....	Philadelphia....	H	2d Tues.....	517	1	38	1		10	545
294	Ashland.....	Ashland.....	11	2d Thur.....	227	1	11			7	232
295	Melita.....	Philadelphia....	H	4th Wed.....	779	2	58		5	14	820
296	Mitchell.....	".....	A	2d Thur.....	518		33	2	2	10	537
297	Chartiers.....	Canonsburg.....	29	2d Mon.....	156	1	11	2		1	165
298	Geo. W. Bartram..	Media.....	36	2d Mon.....	245		10			5	250
299	Muncy.....	Muncy.....	18	1st Thur.....	238	2	9	2	1	3	243
300	Mount Moriah....	Huntingdon.....	34	2d Mon.....	203		11	2	1	4	207
301	Waverly.....	Clark's Summit..	13	Tues. F. M... 146		5	9	1	1	4	154
302	Eureka.....	Mechanicsburg..	3	1st Mon.....	201		13		1	2	211
303	Oil Creek.....	Titusville.....	25	3d Tues.....	154		3	1		4	152
304	Western Star.....	Albion.....	24	3d Tues.....	121		6	7	1		119
305	Hawley.....	Hawley.....	14	Tues. F. M... 90			2		1	3	88
306	Trojan.....	Troy.....	16	2d Tues.....	161	1	16		2	2	174

* No. 266 meets Tuesday after first Monday.

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307	Williamson.....	Womelsdorf.....	7	1st Thur.....	214		8			2	220
308	Fort Washington..	Fort Washington	8	3d Sat.....	128	2	6		1	1	134
309	Williamson.....	Downingtown...	5	Fri. F. M....	172		7	2	1	3	173
310	Warren.....	Collegeville	6	Sat. F. M....	183	1	20		2	5	197
311	Portland.....	Portland.....	50	2d Thur.....	115	1	1		1	2	114
312	Summit.....	Ebensburg	41	2d Tues.....	264	2	20		2	5	279
313	Indiana.....	Indiana.....	39	2d Tues.....	203	2	23		2	4	222
314	Clearfield	Clearfield.....	21	1st Fri.....	212		4	3	1	2	210
315	Cumberland Valley	Shippensburg....	3	2d Fri.....	113		3	2	1		113
316	Myrtle.....	Franklin.....	23	1st Mon.....	291	6	13	3	2	3	302
317	Ossea.....	Wellsboro.....	17	1st Tues.....	241	3	14	3		2	253
318	McKinley.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	1st Tues.....	560	4	18		2	13	567
319	Adams.....	New Bloomfield .	19	Wed. F. M....	90		6			1	95
320	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	34	2d Thur	172	1	5	1	1	5	171
321	Hailman.....	Pittsburgh	48	3d Tues.....	505	2	25	5	8	9	510
322	West Chester.....	West Chester....	5	1st Mon.....	284	1	14	1		4	294
323	Peter Williamson..	Scranton.....	13	1st Tues.....	644	5	24	9	4	10	650
324	Union.....	Mifflintown	19	2d Thur.....	152		6			3	155
325	Barger.....	Stroudsburg.....	50	1st Tues.....	227	1	14			5	237
326	Lehigh	Trexlerstown....	10	Tues. F. M....	134		14		2	2	144
327	Hazle.....	Hazleton.....	45	1st Mon.....	321		27			3	345
328	Freedom.....	Jackson.....	15	Wed. F. M....	56		1			2	55
330	Salem.....	Hamlin.....	14	Mon. F. M....	133		11	2		1	141
331	Ligonier.....	Ligonier.....	30	Fri. b. F. M..	125		5				130
332	Plymouth.....	Plymouth.....	12	Tues. F. M....	137		4			3	138
333	Barger.....	Allentown	10	3d Fri.....	322	1	22		3	5	337
334	Union.....	Bradford.....	22	2d Thur.....	408	6	15	2	3	10	414
335	Eureka	Montoursville ..	18	Fri. b. F. M..	143		1	1		3	140
336	Good Samaritan ...	Gettysburg.....	4	2d Thur.....	177		8	1	1	2	181
337	Henry M. Phillips.	Monongahela....	43	2d Tues.....	262	2	10			4	270
338	Great Bend.....	Great Bend.....	15	2d Tues.....	89	2	2		1	3	89
339	Hyde Park.....	Scranton.....	13	1st Mon.....	520	2	17		1	7	531
340	Thomson.....	Green Tree.....	5	Wed. F. M....	233		7	1		7	232
341	Factoryville.....	Factoryville.....	15	Mon. F. M....	164		10	4	1	2	167
342	Eulalia	Coudersport.....	44	2d Wed.....	221		15	4	1	7	224
343	Skerrett.....	Cochranville....	5	Tues. F. M....	166		7	1		2	170
344	Milford	Milford.....	14	Wed. F. M....	103		1	6		6	92
345	Schiller.....	Scranton.....	13	2d Mon.....	428	3	16	8	2	4	433
346	King Solomon's ..	Connellsville	31	1st Tues.....	276		10		2	5	279
347	Lake Erie.....	Girard.....	24	1st Wed.....	146	1	6		1		152
348	Patmos	Hanover	4	2d Tues.....	210	1	16		3	1	223
349	Catawissa.....	Catawissa	35	1st Tues.....	135		7		1	2	139
350	Bloss.....	Blossburg.....	17	Sat. F. M....	212		4		1	1	214
351	Cowanesque.....	Knoxville.....	17	Wed. F. M....	93	1	4	1	4		93
352	Lucius H. Scott....	Chester	36	1st Tues.....	402	3	32		2	7	428
353	Oxford.....	Oxford.....	36	Wed. F. M....	197	1	6	1		1	202
354	Sylvania	Shickshinny.....	12	1st Mon.....	121		3	4	1	4	115
355	Acacia.....	Blairsville.....	39	2d Thur.....	168		9	2		5	170
357	Mahanoy City.....	Mahanoy City....	11	3d Thur.....	129		5		1	3	130
358	Somerset.....	Somerset.....	41	2d Tues.....	202		11			3	210

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359	Humboldt.....	Philadelphia	E	4th Thur....	202		13	1		6	208
360	Canawacta	Susquehanna	15	1st Fri.....	156	2	6	7		2	155
361	Big Spring.....	Newville	3	2d Thur.....	109	1	2			1	111
362	Tyrian.....	Erie.....	24	1st Fri.....	312	2	12		1	3	322
363	Petrolia	Oil City.....	23	1st Fri.....	499	2	28		7	11	511
364	Susquehanna.....	Millersburg	2	1st Fri.....	144		3			4	143
365	Corry.....	Corry.....	24	1st Tues....	144		6			1	149
366	Eureka	Union City.....	24	1st Fri.....	104				2	4	98
367	Teutonia.....	Reading	7	3d Thur.....	120		3			2	121
368	Corinthian.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Tues....	243	1	16	1	1	5	253
369	Williamson.....	"	F	3d Thur.....	231		23	2	1	6	245
370	Mifflinburg.....	Mifflinburg.....	18	Mon. F. M..	114		6			1	119
371	Lamberton.....	Thompsontown..	19	Mon. F. M..	44					1	43
372	Spartan.....	Spartansburg....	25	1st Mon....	66			2		2	62
373	Tioga.....	Tioga.....	17	3d Thur.....	105		1	2	2		102
374	Davage	Pittsburgh, N. S.	53	2d Thur.....	453		26		3	6	470
375	Alliquippa.....	McKeesport.....	49	1st Tues....	393		9	2		2	398
376	McVeytown.....	McVeytown.....	19	1st Tues....	71		6	1	1	2	73
377	Huguenot.....	Kutztown.....	7	Sat. F. M..	208		22			4	226
378	Mount Carmel....	Mt. Carmel	46	2d Thur.	132		3				135
379	Elk.....	Ridgway.....	33	2d Tues....	263	1	29		4	7	282
380	Pennsylvania.....	Philadelphia	D	1st Tues....	283	2	26	1		3	307
381	Newport.....	Newport.....	19	2d Tues....	113		3			1	115
382	Emporium	Emporium	33	2d Tues....	155	2	23		1		179
383	Goddard	Coatesville	5	1st Tues....	223		4			2	225
384	Richard Vaux ..	Philadelphia	H	1st Mon....	511	1	40	1	3	7	541
385	Oriental.....	"	C	1st Thur.....	984	1	62	8	13	14	1012
386	Apollo.....	"	E	3d Wed.....	477	3	29	3		7	499
388	McKean.....	Smethport.....	22	2d Wed.....	139	1	4			5	139
389	Kedron.....	West Middlesex ..	26	1st Mon....	86	1	5	8	1	2	81
390	McCandless	Pittsburgh	51	2d Wed.....	463	1	27	7	1	13	470
391	Moshannon.....	Philipsburg	21	2d Thur.....	220		10		1	2	227
392	Perry.....	Erie.....	24	2d Tues....	344		13	2	1	6	348
393	Vaux.....	Philadelphia	C	4th Tues....	450	2	52	3	1	12	488
395	Kingston.....	Kingston.....	12	2d Wed.....	325		17	1	1	2	338
396	Dallas	Easton.....	9	1st Tues....	333	6	22			2	359
397	Ivy.....	Williamsport....	18	1st Tues....	476	1	22		1	3	495
398	Ashara	Marietta	1	Mon. F. M..	105		4			1	108
399	North East.....	North East.....	24	1st Wed....	190	1	2		1	5	187
400	Friendship.....	Jenkintown	8	2d Tues....	386	4	14	3	3	5	393
401	Watson town	Watson town	46	Tues. F. M..	147		9			2	154
402	Perkins.....	Philadelphia	E	1st Fri.....	385	3	27		3	4	408
404	Eureka	Northumberland..	46	3d Mon....	114		2			4	112
405	Howell	Honey Brook....	5	Wed. F. M..	141		11	1		4	147
406	Vaux.....	Hamburg.....	7	2d Thur.....	216		7		1		222
408	.....	Meadville.....	25	1st Mon....	167		8	1	1	1	172
409	Pine Grove.....	Pine Grove.....	11	1st Mon....	91		1	1			91
410	W. K. Bray.....	Hatboro.....	8	3d Wed.....	167		15		1	2	179
411	Meridian.....	Enon Valley	37	Fri. F. M..	100		3	1			102
412	Temple.....	Tidioute	23	2d Tues....	71		1			1	71

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413	Manoquesy.....	Bath	50	2d Thur.....	86	1	6		1	2	90
414	Elysburg.....	Elysburg.....	46	Thur. F. M.	72					1	71
415	Canton.....	Canton	18	Tues. F. M...	160			4	2	2	152
416	Oasis	Edinboro.....	24	2d Tues.....	67		2			1	68
417	Christiana ..	Christiana.....	1	Thur. F. M...	205		2			4	203
418	Roman.....	Rome.....	16	Sat. F. M....	65		2	2		1	64
419	Wm. B. Schnider..	Philadelphia ..	B	2d Tues.....	616	2	16	2	2	11	619
420	Fritz	Conshohocken	6	3d Tues.....	298	1	15			7	307
421	Osceola	Elkland	17	2d Fri.....	105	1	9	3	1	1	110
423	Shrewsbury ...	Shrewsbury	4	Tues. F. M...	119		2	2	1	2	116
424	Adelphic	Jamestown.....	26	1st Tues.....	103		4	1	1		105
425	Waterford.....	Waterford	24	Tues. F. M...	113		2	1	1	4	109
426	Cressona.....	Cressona	11	Thur. F. M...	87		3			2	88
427	Newtown.....	Newtown	8	2d Wed.....	138	1	5			2	142
428	Smithfield	East Smithfield..	16	Fri. F. M....	48						48
429	Harmony	Zelienople.....	37	Thur. F. M...	110		4	1	1	2	110
430	Stuckrath.....	Pittsburgh, N. S..	32	2d Thur.....	681		21	4	4	15	679
431	Williamson	Saltsburg	39	1st Tues.....	90		8		1	2	95
432	.....	Philadelphia ...	F	2d Thur.....	402	5	27		1	6	427
433	Lodge of the Craft.	New Castle.....	26	3d Tues.....	399	1	10	2	2	6	400
434	Lake	Sandy Lake.....	26	2d Thur.....	191		4	2		3	190
435	St. John's.....	Reading.....	7	1st Fri.....	355	1	19			4	371
436	Mozart	Philadelphia	G	2d Tues.....	481	3	31	12	3	4	496
437	Apollo	Apollo.....	39	2d Tues.....	118	1	5	1		1	122
438	Nicholson.....	Nicholson.....	15	Sat. F. M...	113	1	4	1	1		116
439	Forest City.....	Forest City.....	15	1st Mon....	93		3			1	95
440	Slatington.....	Slatington.....	10	Thur. F. M..	161		12		1	2	170
441	Potter	Philadelphia ...	H	3d Fri.....	663	3	31	4	4	12	677
442	Landmark	Wilkes-Barre....	12	2d Mon.....	544	4	20	14	2	11	541
443	Mount Pisgah.....	Greencastle.....	3	Tues. F. M...	120	1	2			1	122
444	Philo.....	Philadelphia	B	3d Tues.....	370	1	21	1	3	8	380
445	Harford.....	Hop Bottom.....	15	Thur. F. M...	96	3					99
446	Mount Pickering...	Upper Uwchlan..	40	Mon. b. F. M.	161		5	5		3	158
447	Claysville.....	Claysville.....	29	Fri. F. M....	81					1	80
448	Zeredatha.....	Sharpsburg.....	32	2d Thur....	431	1	21		4	2	447
449	Ivanhoe	Philadelphia ...	G	2d Thur.....	537	2	35		3	13	558
450	Stephen Girard ...	"	B	4th Wed....	468	2	46			10	506
451	Zeredatha	York	42	*	285	2	34		1	3	317
453	Welcome.....	Philadelphia ...	A	3d Thur.....	352	1	24	2	1	10	364
454	Richard Vaux.....	Burgettstown...	29	4th Fri.....	151	2	23	2	1		173
455	Keystone.....	Erie	24	3d Tues.....	384	5	20	3		5	401
456	Covenant	Philadelphia ...	H	2d Tues.....	428	2	22	4	5	7	436
457	St. James.....	Beaver.....	37	3d Thur...	231	1	19	1	1	2	247
458	Perry.....	Marysville	19	1st Tues.....	133		9	1		2	139
459	Valley.....	Masontown.....	31	Thur. F. M...	168	1	7	2	1	1	172
460	Oriental.....	Orangeville....	35	F. M. Tues...	60	1	3		1		63
461	Monongahela Valley	California.....	43	3d Mon.....	147	1	5			3	150
462	Knapp.....	Berwick	35	1st Fri.....	288	2	15	1	1	3	300

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463	Shepherd.....	Titusville.....	25	1st Mon....	159	1	5		1	2	162
464	Robert Burns.....	Harrisburg.....	2	3d Thur....	699		30			6	723
465	Hebron.....	New Oxford.....	4	3d Mon....	106		5		1	1	109
466	Kingsbury.....	Olyphant.....	13	1st Fri....	158	3	15	1	1	1	173
467	Laurel.....	White Haven....	45	Mon. F. M.	71		1			1	71
468	Wyoming.....	Wyoming.....	12	Last Fri....	147	1	14	1		4	157
469	Saucon.....	Coopersburg.....	10	2d Tues....	88	1	2				91
470	Palestine.....	Philadelphia....	C	2d Thur....	369	3	24		2	4	390
471	Le Ray.....	Le Raysville....	16	Sat. F. M..	48		1	3		2	44
472	Mount Hermon....	Uniondale.....	15	Fri. F. M..	73		1			1	73
473	Covenant.....	Cambridge Spr'gs	25	2d Fri.....	167		3	4	3	4	159
474	Coalville.....	Ashley.....	12	2d Tues....	191		2			2	191
475	Kennett.....	Kennett Square..	36	Thur. F. M.	186		3			3	186
476	Lamberton.....	Lancaster.....	1	1st Tues....	359	1	15	1	3	5	366
477	Westfield.....	Westfield.....	17	Tues. F. M.	150	2	9	1	3	3	154
478	Beaver Valley....	Beaver Falls....	37	3d Tues....	211		14	3		2	220
479	Union.....	Birdsboro.....	7	Thur. F. M.	169		10			4	175
480	Noble.....	Curwensville....	21	1st Tues....	128		5			4	129
481	St. Paul's.....	Philadelphia....	F	1st Thur....	595	2	34	5	2	12	612
482	Athelstan.....	".....	E	1st Tues....	337	1	37			7	368
483	Fraternal.....	Rouseville.....	23	1st Wed....	108		1			4	105
484	Pittsburgh.....	Pittsburgh.....	51	2d Mon....	733	4	39	2	11	8	755
485	Glasgow.....	Midland.....	37	Tues. F. M.	97		13	4		2	104
486	Prince Edwin.....	Middletown.....	2	1st Mon....	131	1	4		2		134
487	Rob't A. Lamberton	Philadelphia....	F	1st Tues....	418	1	48		1	6	460
490	Logan.....	Altoona.....	20	1st Tues....	428		15	1		7	435
491	Excelsior.....	Philadelphia....	A	3d Wed....	407	2	32		3	8	430
493	Crescent.....	".....	A	2d Mon....	414	1	36	5	1	4	441
494	Tyrone.....	Tyrone.....	20	3d Mon....	275	1	14	1		3	286
495	Renovo.....	Renovo.....	33	1st Tues....	204		9	1		7	205
496	Charles M. Howell.	Millersville....	1	Fri. F. M..	123		8	3	1	2	125
498	Pine.....	Linesville.....	25	1st Tues....	111		6	1	2	1	113
499	Valley.....	Pittston.....	12	1st Thur....	248	2	19	10	1	1	257
500	Wm. C. Hamilton.	Philadelphia....	F	3d Wed....	758	1	43	10	5	16	771
502	Pollock.....	Tarentum.....	32	1st Thur....	320	1	19	5	2	2	331
503	Riverside.....	Wrightsville....	42	3d Mon....	75	1	3			2	77
504	Moscow.....	Moscow.....	13	Fri. F. M..	113		4		2	1	114
505	Liberty.....	Port Allegany...	22	1st Tues....	118		4	1	1	4	116
506	Jerusalem.....	Philadelphia....	H	2d Thur....	595	3	42			13	627
507	New Milford.....	New Milford....	15	3d Wed....	48	1				1	48
508	Dallas.....	Pittsburgh.....	51	1st Fri....	1208	4	49	11	43	13	1194
509	Germania.....	".....	47	2d Fri.....	203		8	2	1	3	205
510	Braddock's Field...	Braddock.....	38	3d Tues....	454	2	26			6	476
511	Shenandoah.....	Shenandoah....	11	2d Wed....	111		3		1	2	111
512	Quakertown.....	Quakertown....	8	2d Thur....	145		10		2	3	150
513	Guyasuta.....	Pittsburgh.....	47	3d Tues....	290		18		3	4	301
515	Osceola.....	Osceola Mills...	21	2d Mon....	195		1		1	6	189
516	Mahoning.....	Danville.....	35	2d Tues....	187	1	10			2	196
517	Sharpsville.....	Sharpsville....	26	1st Thur....	87		6			2	91
518	Westmoreland.....	Greensburg.....	30	3d Tues....	223		5		1	2	225

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519	Gothic	Philadelphia	E	3d Thur.....	341	4	12			7	350
520	Canby	St. Petersburg...	27	1st Thur.....	112		3			4	111
521	Parker City.....	Parker's Landing	27	1st Mon.....	103		3			1	105
522	New Bethlehem ...	New Bethlehem..	27	1st Thur.....	180	3	11	2			192
523	Aurora	Jermyn.....	13	3d Tues.....	94		9		1	1	101
524	Everett	Everett.....	34	Fri. F. M....	198		16				214
525	Ionic.....	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	1st Mon	627	1	23	3	2	9	637
526	Stephen Bayard....	Elizabeth	43	3d Mon.....	204		9	3		1	209
527	Philates.....	Philadelphia	C	2d Fri.....	274	3	21	2		3	293
528	Mount Horeb.....	"	F	2d Tues.....	370	2	30	1		5	396
529	St. Alban.....	"	G	1st Thur.....	392		24	5	2	5	404
530	Bellevue.....	Bellevue	53	3d Mon.....	534	2	40	5	5	6	560
531	George M. Dallas..	Dallas	12	Thur. F. M...	96		7		1	1	101
532	Driftwood.....	Driftwood.....	33	2d Fri.....	96	2	2			4	96
533	Wattsburg	Wattsburg	24	2d Fri.....	47		1	4	1		43
534	John W. Jenks....	Punxsutawney ..	21	1st Tues.....	225	3	17			2	243
535	Oakland	Pittsburgh	51	1st Mon.....	223		25	1	2	4	241
536	John M. Read.....	Reynoldsville....	27	2d Tues.....	94		1			1	94
537	Old Fort	Center Hall	21	Mon. F. M....	103		5		1	1	106
538	Johnstown	Johnstown	41	1st Thur.....	371	3	34	1	6		401
539	Woodbury	Roaring Spring..	20	3d Thur.....	136		2	1	1	1	135
540	Argyle.....	Chicora.....	27	3d Mon.....	182		3		2	4	179
541	Nanticoke.....	Nanticoke.....	12	2d Thur.....	224		18			7	235
542	Waymart	Waymart.....	14	Tues. F. M....	54		2				56
543	Fernwood.....	Philadelphia	B	4th Thur.....	616	4	38	3	3	9	643
544	Centennial	Carnegie.....	47	1st Mon.....	400		19	4	3	3	409
545	New London.....	West Grove.....	36	Mon. F. M....	122		1			5	118
546	Duquesne	Pittsburgh	48	2d Thur.....	543	1	25	7	4	6	552
547	Stillwater.....	Sugar Grove.....	23	Fri. F. M....	64						64
548	Verona	Verona	38	1st Tues.....	182		11		4		189
549	Reading	Reading	7	2d Thur.....	387	1	19	3		6	398
550	Edenburg	Edenburg.....	27	1st Tues.....	67		3		1		69
551	Casiphia	Mount Joy.....	1	Fri. F. M....	76		1			1	76
552	Allegheny Valley..	Emlenton.....	27	2d Tues.....	159		4			1	162
553	Spring City	Spring City	40	1st Thur.....	175		10			2	183
554	Meyersdale.....	Meyersdale.....	41	1st Mon.....	222		13	3		2	230
555	Northern Star	Duke Center	22	1st Tues.....	85		3	3		3	82
556	Lewisville.....	Ulysses	44	1st Wed.....	105	1	10	1	1	4	110
557	Olive	Tionesta	23	2d Mon.....	105		5	2	4	1	103
558	Shiloh	Lansdale.....	6	2d Tues.....	246		27	1		5	267
559	Garfield.....	Du Bois.....	21	1st Thur.....	243		15			2	256
560	Eldred	Eldred.....	22	2d Tues.....	52	1	6				59
561	Greenleaf	Allentown	10	3d Thur.....	446	1	30		8	6	463
562	Marion	Scottdale.....	30	2d Thur.....	199		13		1	2	209
563	Hellertown.....	Hellertown.....	9	3d Fri.....	98	3	8			2	107
564	Coatesville	Coatesville	5	2d Thur.....	238	2	14	2	1	6	245
565	Bangor	Bangor.....	50	2d Wed.....	135		39		1	2	171
566	Kane	Kane.....	22	1st Wed.....	176	3	11	5		3	182
567	Prosperity.....	Riegelsville	9	2d Fri.....	85			1	1	1	82

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568	La Monte.....	Derry Station....	30	1st Thur....	105		5			1	109
569	Keystone.....	Parkesburg.....	5	F. M. Fri..	106	1	2			1	108
570	Ashlar.....	Lykens.....	2	2d Tues....	154		10			1	163
571	Wilcox.....	Wilcox.....	33	1st Tues....	65		5	1	1		68
572	Cromwell.....	Orbisonia.....	34	Last Tues..	70	1	9			2	78
573	Corinthian.....	Millvale Borough	32	2d Fri.....	203		11	2		3	209
574	Coalport.....	Coalport.....	21	4th Mon....	139		6			4	141
575	Hebron.....	Mercer.....	26	2d Mon....	138		4		1	3	138
576	Crescent.....	Pittsburgh.....	52	2d Tues....	325	6	27		2	5	354
577	Leechburg.....	Leechburg.....	27	2d Thur....	104	1	8		1	1	111
578	Prospect.....	Moore.....	36	1st Thur....	354	1	35	3	2	4	381
579	Acacia.....	Taylor.....	13	1st Mon....	261	1	12	1		5	268
580	Arcana.....	Austin.....	44	4th Wed....	82	3	2	3	1		83
581	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	6	3d Tues....	154		14	3	1	2	162
582	Homestead.....	Homestead.....	38	3d Mon....	476		30	1	4	5	496
583	Youghiogheny....	McKeesport....	49	3d Tues....	455	1	23	3	2	3	471
584	King Solomon....	Dunmore.....	13	1st Mon....	198	1	13	1		3	208
585	Royersford.....	Royersford.....	40	2d Fri.....	140	2	10			2	150
586	Acacia.....	Waynesboro....	4	3d Fri.....	147		6			3	150
587	Manheim.....	Manheim.....	1	Mon. F. M.	129		4			2	131
588	Oriental Star....	Peckville.....	13	2d Tues....	153	6				3	156
589	Hyndman.....	Hyndman.....	34	3d Mon....	75		3			1	77
590	Orient.....	Wilkinsburg...	38	1st Tues....	626	2	29	1	7	4	645
591	Equity.....	Philadelphia....	F	2d Wed....	345	4	42	2		3	386
592	Adelpha.....	Harrison Valley..	44	2d Tues....	48		5	2		1	50
593	Blyth.....	West Newton....	30	Mon. F. M.	169		10				179
594	Pen Argyl.....	Pen Argyl.....	50	1st Thur....	95					1	94
595	Perkiomen.....	East Greenville..	40	F. M. Tues.	87		4				91
596	MacCalla.....	Sellersville....	8	2d Mon....	125		4			1	128
597	Green Ridge.....	Scranton.....	13	2d Fri.....	309		9	8	2	2	306
598	Sharon.....	Shinglehouse...	44	2d Thur....	113	1	5			3	116
599	Ellwood.....	Ellwood City....	26	2d Tues....	147		9	3		2	151
600	Tacony.....	Philadelphia....	G	3d Tues....	311	1	31		1	5	337
601	Shidle.....	Irwin.....	30	1st Tues....	192		12	1	1	1	201
602	Galeton.....	Galeton.....	44	1st Tues....	180	1	6	3	2	2	180
603	Grove City.....	Grove City.....	26	3d Tues....	201	5	17	1	2	3	217
604	Garfield.....	McDonald.....	29	2d Tues....	194		16	2	1	3	204
605	E. Coppée Mitchell	Philadelphia....	B	3d Mon....	385	1	30		1	3	412
606	Radiant Star.....	".....	C	4th Mon....	223	1	23		1	6	240
607	Olivet.....	".....	E	4th Tues....	594	2	29		6	12	607
608	Joppa.....	Pittsburgh.....	48	1st Tues....	296		14		3	5	302
609	Progress.....	Philadelphia....	A	4th Wed....	471	1	30	11	2	4	485
610	University.....	".....	H	4th Fri....	1219	8	64		11	9	1271
611	Arbutus.....	Freeland.....	45	3d Tues....	121		1		1	1	120
612	Tyrian.....	Wilmerding....	49	1st Thur....	332	1	16	4	3	4	338
613	Valley.....	Turtle Creek....	49	2d Tues....	246	1	25			3	269
614	James Cochran...	Dawson.....	31	2d Tues....	85	1	1			1	86
615	Charleroi.....	Charleroi.....	43	2d Thur....	243	2	15	4	3	2	251
616	Hiram.....	Altoona.....	20	3d Thur....	203	2	17			3	219
617	Kiskiminetas.....	Vandergrift.....	39	1st Tues....	177	2	12			1	190

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618	Wyalusing.....	Wyalusing.....	16	Fri. F. M.....	99		3	4		1	97
619	Middleburg.....	Middleburg.....	46	*	94		3		1	1	95
620	Norristown.....	Norristown.....	6	3d Mon.....	361	1	15		5	5	367
621	Lehighton.....	Lehighton.....	45	1st Thur.....	154		19		1	1	171
622	Whitfield.....	Nazareth.....	50	2d Mon.....	112	2	5				119
623	Sunset.....	Washington.....	29	3d Mon.....	193		20		2	2	209
624	Henry W. Williams	Philadelphia....	D	2d Tues.....	182	3	19		1	2	201
625	Concord.....	Concordville....	36	Wed. F. M...	125		4		1	1	127
626	Donora.....	Donora.....	43	3d Tues.....	146	1	6			3	150
627	Mount Jewett.....	Mount Jewett....	22	4th Mon.....	97		12		1	2	106
628	J. Simpson Africa.	East Stroudsburg.	50	4th Thur.....	168	1	8		2		175
629	Harrisburg.....	Harrisburg.....	2	1st Thur.....	295		12			4	303
630	Doric.....	Sewickley.....	53	2d Thur.....	203	1	19	1	3		219
631	Colonial.....	Philadelphia....	H	1st Fri.....	83	1	5	1		2	86
632	Maclay.....	Sunbury.....	46	†	253	1	19			1	272
633	Acacia.....	Marienville.....	23	1st Wed.....	66		4		1	1	68
634	Fort Pitt.....	Pittsburgh.....	48	1st Mon.....	408	1	19		1	6	421
635	Homewood.....	".....	48	3d Mon.....	457	4	30		5	3	483
636	Michael Arnold....	Philadelphia....	G	3d Mon.....	308	3	34	2	1	2	340
637	Chapman.....	Northampton....	9	2d Wed.....	175		12				187
638	Monessen.....	Monessen.....	43	1st Tues.....	187		6		1	1	191
639	George E. Wagner.	Saint Marys.....	33	1st Mon.....	123		4			1	126
640	East Brady.....	East Brady.....	27	1st Thur.....	117		6			1	122
641	McKeesport.....	McKeesport.....	49	2d Fri.....	284		15	2	1	1	295
642	New Castle.....	New Castle.....	26	1st Mon.....	242	1	16	1	1	4	253
643	Belle Vernon.....	Belle Vernon....	43	1st Mon.....	111		10		1	4	116
644	Tyrian.....	New Kensington..	30	2d Tues.....	148		18	1			165
645	Conrad B. Day....	Philadelphia....	G	2d Fri.....	138	2	5	3	2	1	139
646	William L. Elkins.	".....	H	1st Thur.....	393	2	33	1	1	5	421
647	Beta.....	Wilkinsburg....	38	2d Mon.....	390	1	32		5	1	417
648	H. Stanley Goodwin	South Bethlehem	9	3d Wed.....	210	1	28		2	6	231
649	Red Lion.....	Red Lion.....	42	Thur. F. M...	124		4			1	127
650	Geter C. Shidle....	Pittsburgh.....	52	2d Fri.....	254	3	21		2	1	275
651	Laurel.....	Uniontown.....	31	1st Mon.....	92		5			1	96
652	La Fayette.....	Carnegie.....	47	1st Tues.....	246		14			2	258
653	Crafton.....	Crafton.....	47	2d Fri.....	359	1	12		4	5	363
654	Charles M. Swain..	Philadelphia....	E	1st Fri.....	246	2	21	2	1	1	265
655	Fidelity.....	Wilkes-Barre....	12	1st Tues.....	317	1	17	1			334
656	Swissvale.....	Swissvale.....	38	2d Mon.....	194		16	3	4	1	202
657	Avalon.....	Bellevue.....	53	1st Tues.....	331	2	26	2	1	2	354
658	Patton.....	Patton.....	41	3d Tues.....	120		9	1			128
659	Thomas R. Patton..	Philadelphia....	G	3d Wed.....	219		28	4			243
660	Isaac Hiester.....	Reading.....	7	3d Mon.....	302	1	29			5	327
661	Mat. H. Henderson	Philadelphia....	D	2d Fri.....	166	3	13		1		181
662	Parian.....	Beaver Falls....	37	1st Fri.....	140		11			1	150
663	Friendship.....	Fawn Grove....	42	Wed. F. M...	52		1			1	52

* No. 619 meets evening before Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Monday; then that evening.

† No. 632 meets first Tuesday, except when Moon is full on that day; then next evening.

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664	Moosic	Moosic	13	2d Mon....	82	1	7	1		1	88
665	Ephrata	Ephrata	1	2d Tues....	120		7				127
666	Brownstone	Hummelstown...	2	2d Tues....	76		7				83
667	Benton	Benton	35	1st Fri.....	73		7			1	79
668	Shenango	Sharon.....	26	3d Fri.....	210	2	24	1		1	234
669	Oakdale.....	Oakdale.....	47	3d Mon.....	87		11		2	1	95
670	Cedar	Mount Carmel...	46	2d Tues....	154		5		1		158
671	Peter A. B. Widener	Philadelphia	D	2d Mon....	104		14			1	117
672	Woodlawn.....	Woodlawn.....	37	3d Fri.....	133		16				149
673	Jordan.....	Allentown	10	3d Tues....	531	2	37	3	5	2	560
674	Coraopolis.....	Coraopolis.....	47	2d Tues....	162		6			2	166
675	James W. Brown..	Johnsonburg....	33	2d Mon....	77	1	4				82
676	Park	Pittsburgh, N. S.	32	3d Mon....	133	1	9				143
677	Panther Valley	Lansford.....	11	3d Fri.....	123		23				146
678	Temple.....	Pittsburgh.....	52	3d Thur....	168	3	22		2	1	190
679	Fellowship.....	"	52	3d Fri.....	197	10	15			6	216
680	Bellefield.....	"	52	2d Fri.....	119	1	27		1		146
681	West Shore.....	Camp Hill.....	3	3d Fri.....	94		12			2	104
682	.....	Elizabethtown...	1	3d M n....	63		8				71
683	Wilkinsburg	Wilkinsburg....	38	1st Thur....	99	1	31				131
684	Dormont.....	Dormont.....	47	3d Fri.....	301	1	44		1	2	343
685	Amity.....	Homestead.....	38	2d Tues....	78	2	22				102
686	Robert R. Bringham	Philadelphia	F	4th Fri....	49	2	20				71
687	Azalea	Hazleton.....	45	1st Tues....	92	8	68				168
688	Mount Union.....	Mount Union...	34	3d Thur....		38	17				55
689	Edwin G. Martin..	Allentown	10	1st Fri.....		22	122				144
690	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Philadelphia....	H	4th Mon....		69	24				93
691	George W. Guthrie.	Pittsburg.....	28	3d Thur....		164					164
692	Connemaugh Valley	Johnstown.....	41	1st Tues....		21					21

SUMMARY.

Number of Lodges December 27, 1916.....	502
Lodges constituted during the year 1917	5
Number of Lodges December 27, 1917.....	507

Membership of Lodges December 27, 1916.....		126,648
Admitted during the year 1917	847	
Initiated during the year 1917	7587	
		8434
Suspended and expelled during the year 1917....	634	
Resigned during the year 1917.....	618	
Deceased during the year 1917.....	1876	
		3128

Increase during the year 1917.....		5306
Membership December 27, 1917.....		131,954

NOTE.—These figures have been taken from General Returns before examination, and are subject to correction.

A TABULAR STATEMENT

of the Lodges included in each District, with the name and residence of each District Deputy Grand Master.

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District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
A	James E. Lord, of Lodge No. 135....	Philadelphia.....	Washington	59	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
			Hiram	81	"	"
			Union	121	"	"
			Roxborough	135	"	"
			Shekinah	246	"	"
			Mitchell	296	"	"
			Corinthian	368	"	"
			Welcome	453	"	"
			Excelsior	491	"	"
			Crescent	493	"	"
			Progress	609	"	"
			.....	2	"	"
			.....	9	"	"
			La Fayette	71	"	"
B	Carl A. Sundstrom, of Lodge No. 444 ...	Philadelphia.....	Solomon's	114	"	"
			Mount Moriah	155	"	"
			William B. Schnider ..	419	"	"
			Philo	444	"	"
				"	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
C	George J. Walenta, of Lodge No. 527.....	Philadelphia.....	Stephen Girard.....	450	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
			Fernwood.....	543	"	"
			E. Coppée Mitchell...	605	"	"
			.....	3	"	"
			Concordia.....	67	"	"
			Columbia.....	91	"	"
			Eastern Star.....	186	"	"
			Keystone.....	271	"	"
			Oriental.....	385	"	"
			Vaux.....	393	"	"
			Palestine.....	470	"	"
			Philates.....	527	"	"
			Radiant Star.....	606	"	"
			Montgomery.....	19	"	"
			Harmony.....	52	"	"
D	Calvin O. Althouse, of Lodge No. 126.....	Philadelphia.....	Rising Star.....	126	"	"
			Phoenix.....	130	"	"
			Meridian Sun.....	158	"	"
			Integrity.....	187	"	"
			Pennsylvania.....	380	"	"
			Henry W. Williams..	624	"	"
			Matthias H. Henderson	661	"	"
			Peter A. B. Widener..	671	"	"
				"	"
			St. John's.....	115	"	"
E	Adolph Eichholz, of Lodge No. 359.....	Philadelphia.....	51	"	"
			115	"	"

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F	Dudley T. Limerick, of Lodge No. 134	Philadelphia	125	Hermann	125	Philadelphia
			359	Humboldt	359	"
			386	Apollo	386	"
			402	Perkins	402	"
			482	Athelstan	482	"
			519	Gothic	519	"
			607	Olivet	607	"
			654	Charles M. Swain	654	"
		Philadelphia	134	Franklin	134	"
			211	Kensington	211	"
			230	Richmond	230	"
			369	Williamson	369	"
			432	. . . . .	432	"
			481	St. Paul's	481	"
			487	Robert A. Lamberton	487	"
			500	William C. Hamilton	500	"
			528	Mount Horeb	528	"
			591	Equity	591	"
			686	Robert R. Bringhurst	686	"
		Philadelphia	131	Industry	131	"
			274	Hamilton	274	"
			289	Orient	289	"
			436	Mozart	436	"
			449	Ivanhoe	449	"
			529	St. Alban	529	"
			600	Tacony	600	"
			636	Michael Arnold	636	"
			645	Conrad B. Day	645	"
			659	Thomas R. Patton	659	"
		Philadelphia	72	Philadelphia	72	"
			292	Frankford	292	"
			295	Melita	295	"
G	Samuel J. Bredin, of Lodge No. 289	Philadelphia				
H	John E. McCully, of Lodge No. 72	Philadelphia				

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
1	Thaddeus G. Helm, of Lodge No. 43	Lancaster, Lancaster Co.	Richard Vaux	384	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
			Potter	441	"	"
			Covenant	456	"	"
			Jerusalem	506	"	"
			University	610	"	"
			Colonial	631	"	"
			William L. Elkins . . .	646	"	"
			Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr.	690	"	"
			. . . . .	43	Lancaster	Lancaster.
			Washington	156	Quarryville	"
			Columbia	286	Columbia	"
			Ashara	398	Marietta	"
			Christiana	417	Christiana	"
			Lamberton	476	Lancaster	"
			Charles M. Howell . . .	496	Millersville	"
			Casiphia	551	Mount Joy	"
			Manheim	587	Manheim	"
			Ephrata	665	Ephrata	"
			. . . . .	682	Elizabethtown	"
2	William S. Snyder, of Lodge No. 464	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co.	Perseverance	21	Harrisburg	Dauphin.
			Susquehanna	364	Millersburg	"
			Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg	"
			Prince Edwin	486	Middletown	"
			Ashlar	570	Lykens	"
			Harrisburg	629	Harrisburg	"
			Brownstone	666	Hummelstown	"
			Mount Lebanon	226	Lebanon	Lebanon.
			Cumberland Star	197	Carlisle	Cumberland.
			St. John's	260	"	"
3	Clarence W. Musser, of Lodge No. 143	Chambersb'g, Franklin Co.				

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4	George H. Shirk, of Lodge No. 348	Hanover, York Co.	Eureka	302	Mechanicsburg	Cumberland.
			Cumberland Valley . .	315	Shippensburg	"
			Big Spring	361	Newville	"
			West Shore	681	Camp Hill	"
			George Washington . .	143	Chambersburg	Franklin.
			Orrstown	262	Orrstown	"
			Mount Pisgah	443	Greencastle	"
			Good Samaritan	336	Gettysburg	Adams.
			Hebron	465	New Oxford	"
			Patmos	348	Hanover	York.
5	Charles A. Sullivan, of Lodge No. 383	Coatesville, Chester Co. . .	Shrewsbury	423	Shrewsbury	"
			Acacia	586	Waynesboro'	Franklin.
			Williamson	309	Downingtown	Chester.
			West Chester	322	West Chester	"
			Thomson	340	Green Tree Station . .	"
			Skerrett	343	Cochranville	"
			Goddard	383	Coatesville	"
			Howell	405	Honeybrook	"
			Coatesville	564	Coatesville	"
			Keystone	569	Parkesburg	"
6	Thaddeus S. Adle, of Lodge No. 190	Norristown, Montg'y Co.	Charity	190	Norristown	Montgomery.
			Cassia	273	Ardmore	"
			Warren	310	Collegeville	"
			Fritz	420	Conshohocken	"
			Shiloh	558	Lansdale	"
			Norristown	620	Norristown	"
			Wayne	581	Wayne	Delaware.
			Chandler	62	Reading	Berks.
			Williamson	227	"	"
			Teutonia	307	Womelsdorf	"
7	Jenkin Hill, of Lodge No. 435	Reading, Berks Co.	Huguenot	367	Reading	"
				377	Kutztown	"

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District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
8	Edgar S. Nash, of Lodge No. 400 ...	Wyncote, Mont. Co.....	Vaux	406	Hamburg	Berks.
			St. John's	435	Reading	"
			Union	479	Birdsboro'	"
			Reading	549	Reading	"
			Isaac Hiester	660	"	"
			Bristol	25	Bristol	Bucks.
			Doylestown	245	Doylestown	"
			Newtown	427	Newtown	"
			Quakertown	512	Quakertown	"
			MacCalla	596	Sellersville	"
9	Joseph F. Andrews, of Lodge No. 152	Easton, Northampton Co.	Fort Washington ..	308	Fort Washington ..	Montgomery.
			Friendship	400	Jenkintown	"
			W. K. Bay	410	Hatboro'	"
			Easton	152	Easton	Northampton.
			Bethlehem	283	Bethlehem	"
			Dallas	396	Easton	"
			Hellertown	563	Hellertown	"
			Chapman	637	Northampton	"
			H. Stanley Goodwin ..	648	South Bethlehem ..	"
			Prosperity	567	Riegelsville	Bucks.
10	Milton P. Schantz, of Lodge No. 333	Allentown, Lehigh Co...	Porter	284	Catasauqua	Lehigh.
			Lehigh	326	Trexlerstown	"
			Barger	333	Allentown	"
			Slatington	440	Slatington	"
			Saucon	469	Coopersburg	"
			Greenleaf	561	Allentown	"
			Jordan	673	"	"
			Edwin G. Martin	689	"	"

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11	William S. Pugh, of Lodge No. 216.....	Pottsville, Schuylkill Co.	Schuylkill.....	138	Orwigsburg.....	Schuylkill.
			Pulaski ..	216	Pottsville.....	"
			Minersville.....	222	Minersville.....	"
			Tamaqua.....	238	Tamaqua.....	"
			Swatara.....	267	Tremont.....	"
			Page.....	270	Schuylkill Haven...	"
			Anthracite	285	St. Clair.....	"
			Ashland.....	294	Ashland.....	"
			Mahanoy City.	357	Mahanoy City.....	"
			Pine Grove.....	409	Pine Grove.....	"
			Cressona	426	Cressona	"
			Shenandoah	511	Shenandoah.....	"
			Panther Valley	677	Lansford.....	Carbon.
12	Harold N. Rust, of Lodge No. 61.....	Wilkes-Barre, Luz'ne Co.	.....	61	Wilkes-Barre	Luzerne.
			St. John's.....	233	Pittston	"
			Plymouth	332	Plymouth.....	"
			Sylvania ..	354	Shickshinny.....	"
			Kingston.....	395	Kingston	"
			Landmark.....	442	Wilkes-Barre	"
			Wyoming	468	Wyoming	"
			Coalville ..	474	Ashley	"
			Valley	499	Pittston	"
			George M. Dallas ..	531	Dallas	"
			Nanticoke	541	Nanticoke	"
			Fidelity	655	Wilkes-Barre	"
					
13	Thomas F. Wells, of Lodge No. 323.....	Scranton, Lackaw'na Co.	Carbondale	249	Carbondale.....	Lackawanna.
			Hiram	261	Scranton	"
			Union	291	"	"
			Waverly	301	Clark's Summit....	"
			Peter Williamson....	323	Scranton	"
			Hyde Park	339	"	"
			Schiller ..	345	"	"
					

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
14	Earl Rockwell, of Lodge No. 330	Ariel, Wayne Co.	Kingsbury	466	Olyphant	Lackawanna.
			Moscow	504	Moscow	"
			Aurora	523	Jermyn	"
			Acacia	579	Taylor	"
			King Solomon	584	Dunmore	"
			Oriental Star	588	Peckville	"
			Green Ridge	597	Scranton	"
			Moosic	664	Moosic	"
			Honesdale	218	Honesdale	Wayne.
			Hawley	305	Hawley	"
			Salem	330	Hamlin	"
			Waymart	542	Waymart	"
			Milford	344	Milford	Pike.
			Warren	240	Montrose	Susquehanna.
15	Homer E. Spencer, of Lodge No. 360	Susquehanna, Susq'a Co.	Freedom	328	Jackson	"
			Great Bend	338	Great Bend	"
			Canawacta	360	Susquehanna	"
			Forest City	439	Forest City	"
			Harford	445	Hop Bottom	"
			Mount Hermon	472	Uniondale	"
			New Milford	507	New Milford	"
			Factoryville	341	Factoryville	Wyoming.
			Nicholson	438	Nicholson	"
			Rural Amity	70	Athens	Bradford.
			Union	108	Towanda	"
			Evergreen	163	Monroeton	"
16	John W. Coddling, of Lodge No. 108	Towanda, Bradford Co.				

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17	Howard F. Marsh, of Lodge No. 317	Wellsboro, Tioga Co.....	Trojan Roman..... Smithfield Le Ray Wyalusing Temple Franklin Friendship Ossea Bloss Cowanesque Tioga Osceola..... Westfield.....	306 418 428 471 618 248 263 247 317 350 351 373 421 477	Troy Rome East Smithfield..... Le Raysville Wyalusing Tunkhannock Laceyville Mansfield Wellsboro' Blossburg..... Knoxville..... Tioga Elkland..... Westfield	Bradford. " " " Wyoming. " Tioga. " " " " "
18	Arthur L. Pepperman, of Lodge No. 106	Williamsport, Lyco'g Co.	..... La Belle Vallée..... Muncy..... Eureka..... Ivy..... Charity Mifflinburg Canton.....	106 232 299 335 397 144 370 415	Williamsport..... Jersey Shore..... Muncy Montoursville Williamsport..... Lewisburg Mifflinburg Canton	Lycoming. " " " " Union. " Bradford.
19	Ezra C. Doty, of Lodge No. 324	Mifflintown, Juniata Co.	Adams..... Newport Perry Lewistown McVeytown Union Lamberton	319 381 458 203 376 324 371	New Bloomfield.... Newport..... Marysville Lewistown McVeytown Mifflintown Thompsontown	Perry. " " Mifflin. " Juniata. "
20	Henry H. Baish, of Lodge No. 281	Altoona, Blair Co.....	Portage Mountain	220 281	Hollidaysburg..... Altoona	Blair. "

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District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
21	W. Harrison Walker, of Lodge No. 268	Bellefonte, Centre Co. . . .	Juniata	282	Hollidaysburg	Blair.
			Logan	490	Altoona	"
			Tyrone	494	Tyrone	"
			Woodbury	539	Roaring Spring	"
			Hiram	616	Altoona	"
			Bellefonte	268	Bellefonte	Centre.
			Moshannon	391	Philipsburg	"
			Old Fort	537	Center Hall	"
			Clearfield	314	Clearfield	Clearfield.
			Noble	480	Curwensville	"
			Osceola	515	Osceola Mills	"
			Garfield	559	Du Bois	"
			Coalport	574	Coalport	"
			John W. Jenks	534	Punxsutawney	Jefferson.
			Union	334	Bradford	McKean
			McKean	388	Smethport	"
			Liberty	505	Port Allegany	"
22	Lyman M. Finney, of Lodge No. 334	Bradford, McKean Co. . . .	Northern Star	555	Duke Center	"
			Eldred	560	Eldred	"
			Kane	566	Kane	"
			Mount Jewett	627	Mount Jewett	"
			North Star	241	Warren	Warren.
			Columbus	264	Columbus	"
			Temple	412	Tidioute	"
			Stillwater	547	Sugar Grove	"
			Myrtle	316	Franklin	Venango.
			Petrolia	363	Oil City	"
			Fraternal	483	Rouseville	"
23	William J. Gealy, of Lodge No. 363	Oil City, Venango Co. . . .				

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24	David A. Sawdey, of Lodge No. 392	Erie, Erie Co.	Olive.	557	Tionesta	Forest.
			Acacia	633	Marienville.	"
25	Adrian W. McCoy, of Lodge No. 234	Meadville, Crawford Co.	Western Star	304	Albion	Erie.
			Lake Erie	347	Girard	"
			Tyrian	362	Erie	"
			Corry	365	Corry	"
			Eureka	366	Union City	"
			Perry	392	Erie	"
			North East	399	North East	"
			Oasis	416	Edinboro'	"
			Waterford	425	Waterford	"
			Keystone	455	Erie	"
			Wattsburg	533	Wattsburg	"
			Crawford	234	Meadville	Crawford.
			Western Crawford	258	Conneautville	"
26	John S. Wallace, of Lodge No. 433	New Castle, Lawrence Co.	Oil Creek	303	Titusville	"
			Spartan	372	Spartansburg	"
			. . . . .	408	Meadville	"
			Shepherd	463	Titusville	"
			Covenant	473	Cambridge Springs	"
			Pine	498	Linesville	"
			Mahoning	243	New Castle	Lawrence.
			Lodge of the Craft	433	"	"
			Ellwood	599	Ellwood City	"
			New Castle	642	New Castle	"
			Sharon	250	Sharon	Mercer.
			Eureka	290	Greenville	"
			Kedron	389	West Middlesex	"
			Adelphic	424	Jamestown	"
			Lake	434	Sandy Lake	"
			Sharpsville	517	Sharpsville	"
			Hebron	575	Mercer	"

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27	William B. Meredith, of Lodge No. 244	Kittanning, Armstr'g Co.	Grove City	603	Grove City	Mercer.
			Shenango	668	Sharon	"
			Butler	272	Butler	Butler.
			Argyle	540	Chicora	"
			Armstrong	239	Freeport	Armstrong.
			Kittanning	244	Kittanning	"
			Parker City	521	Parker's Landing	"
			Leechburg	577	Leechburg	"
			Hobah	276	Brookville	Jefferson.
			John M. Read	536	Reynoldsville	"
			Clarion	277	Clarion	Clarion.
			Canby	520	St. Petersburg	"
			New Bethlehem	522	New Bethlehem	"
			Edenburgh	550	Edenburgh	"
			East Brady	640	East Brady	"
28	William M. Hamilton, of Lodge No. 576	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Allegheny Valley	552	Emlenton	Venango.
			.....	45	Pittsburgh	Allegheny.
			St. John's	219	"	"
			Franklin	221	"	"
			Solomon	231	"	"
			Washington	253	"	"
			George W. Guthrie	691	"	"
			Washington	164	Washington	Washington.
			Beallsville	237	Beallsville	"
			Chartiers	297	Canonsburg	"
29	Ralph M. Allison, of Lodge No. 164	Washington, Wash. Co.	Claysville	447	Claysville	"
			Richard Vaux	454	Burgettstown	"
			Garfield	604	McDonald	"
			Sunset	623	Washington	"
			Waynesburg	153	Waynesburg	Greene.
					
					

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30	R. Kay Portser, of Lodge No. 518	Greensburg, Westm'd Co.	Philanthropy Loyalhanna Ligonier Westmoreland Marion La Monte Blyth Shidle Tyrian	225 275 331 518 562 568 593 601 644	Greensburg Latrobe Ligonier Greensburg Scottdale Derry Station West Newton Irwin New Kensington	Westmoreland. " " " " " " " "
31	John M. Core, of Lodge No. 228	Uniontown, Fayette Co.	Brownsville Fayette Gummert King Solomon's Valley James Cochran Laurel	60 228 252 346 459 614 651	Brownsville Uniontown Fayette City Connellsville Masontown Dawson Uniontown	Fayette. " " " " " "
32 367	Clarence A. Ferguson, of Lodge No. 430	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Jefferson Stuckrath Zeredatha Pollock Ionic Corinthian Park	288 430 448 502 525 573 676	Pittsburgh, N. S. " Sharpsburg Tarentum Pittsburgh, N. S. Millvale Borough Pittsburgh, N. S.	Allegheny. " " " " " "
33	J. Harris Mussina, of Lodge No. 199	Lock Haven, Clinton Co..	La Fayette Renovo Elk Wilcox George E. Wagner James W. Brown Emporium Driftwood	199 495 379 571 639 675 382 532	Lock Haven Renovo Ridgway Wilcox St. Marys Johnsonburg Emporium Driftwood	Clinton. " Elk. " " " Cameron. "

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
34	Howard C. Frontz, of Lodge No. 300	Huntingdon, Hunt'n Co.	Mount Moriah Cromwell Mount Union Bedford Everett Hyndman Danville Mahoning Washington Catawissa Oriental Knapp Benton Chester George W. Bartram Lucius H. Scott Prospect Concord Oxford Kennett New London Rochester Union St. James Beaver Valley Glasgow Parian Woodlawn Harmony Meridian Braddock's Field Verona	300 572 688 320 524 589 224 516 265 349 460 462 667 236 298 352 578 625 353 475 545 229 259 457 478 485 662 672 429 411 510 548	Huntingdon Orbisonia Mount Union Bedford Everett Hyndman Danville " Bloomsburg Catawissa Orangeville Berwick Benton Chester Media Chester Moore Concordville Oxford Kennett Square West Grove Rochester New Brighton Beaver Beaver Falls Midland Beaver Falls Woodlawn Zelienople Enon Valley Braddock Verona	Huntingdon. " " Bedford. " " Montour. " Columbia. " " " " Delaware. " " " " Chester. " " Beaver. " " " " " Butler. Lawrence. Allegheny. "
35	Harvey A. McKillip, of Lodge No. 265	Bloomsburg, Columbia Co.				
36	A. G. Criswell Smith, of Lodge No. 298	Media, Delaware Co.				
37	James K. Scott, of Lodge No. 229	Pittsburgh, Allegh'y Co.				
38	William A. Jordan, of Lodge No. 647	Pittsburgh, Allegh'y Co.				

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24				Homestead	582	Homestead	Alleggheny.
				Orient	590	Wilksburg	"
				Beta	647	"	"
				Swissvale	656	Swissvale	"
				Wilksburg	683	Wilksburg	"
				Anity	685	Homestead	"
39	William S. Daugherty, of Lodge No. 313	Indiana, Indiana Co.	Indiana	313	Indiana	Indiana.	Indiana.
			Acacia	355	Blairsville	"	"
			Williamson	431	Saltsburg	Armstrong.	Armstrong.
			Apollo	437	Apollo	Westmoreland.	Westmoreland.
			Kiskiminetas	617	Vandergrift	Montgomery.	Montgomery.
40	William H. Maxwell, of Lodge No. 254	Pottstown, Montgo'ry Co.	Stichter	254	Pottstown	"	"
			Royersford	585	Royersford	"	"
			Perkiomen	595	East Greenville	Chester.	Chester.
			Phoenix	75	Phoenixville	"	"
			Mt. Pickering	446	Upper Uwchlan	"	"
			Spring City	553	Spring City	Cambria.	Cambria.
41	John G. Broad, of Lodge No. 278	South Fork, Cambria Co.	Cambria	278	Johnstown	"	"
			Summit	312	Ebensburg	"	"
			Johnstown	538	Johnstown	"	"
			Patton	658	Patton	"	"
			Conemaugh Valley	692	Johnstown	Somerset.	Somerset.
			Somerset	358	Somerset	"	"
			Meyersdale	554	Meyersdale	York.	York.
42	George Hay Kain, of Lodge No. 266	York, York Co.	York	266	York	"	"
			Zeredatha	451	"	"	"
			Riverside	503	Wrightsville	"	"
			Red Lion	649	Red Lion	"	"
			Friendship	663	Fawn Grove	Washington.	Washington.
43	William Dana McBryar, of Lodge No. 526	Elizabeth, Allegheny Co.	Henry M. Phillips	337	Monongahela	"	"
			Monongahela Valley	461	California	"	"
			Charleroi	615	Charleroi	Alleggheny.	Alleggheny.
			Donora	626	Donora	Westmoreland.	Westmoreland.
			Stephen Bayard	526	Elizabeth	Fayette.	Fayette.
			Monessen	638	Monessen		
			Belle Vernon	643	Belle Vernon		

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44	Ernest L. Wentworth, of Lodge No. 342.....	Coudersport, Potter Co...	Eulalia..... Lewisville..... Arcana..... Adelpha..... Sharon..... Galeton..... Hazle..... Azalea..... Laurel..... Arbutus..... Carbon..... Leighton..... Shamokin..... Milton..... Mount Carmel..... Watson town..... Eureka..... Elysburg..... Mac lay..... Cedar..... La Fayette..... Middleburg..... Monongahela..... Germania..... Guyasuta..... Centennial..... La Fayette..... Crafton..... Oakdale..... Coraopolis..... Dormont.....	342 556 580 592 598 602 327 687 467 611 242 621 22 255 256 378 401 404 414 632 670 194 619 269 509 513 544 652 653 669 674 684	Coudersport..... Ulysses..... Austin..... Harrison Valley..... Shinglehouse..... Galeton..... Hazleton..... "..... White Haven..... Freeland..... Mauch Chunk..... Leighton..... Sunbury..... Shamokin..... Milton..... Mount Carmel..... Watson town..... Northumberland..... Elysburg..... Sunbury..... Mount Carmel..... Selinsgrove..... Middleburg..... Pittsburgh..... "..... "..... Carnegie..... "..... Crafton..... Oakdale..... Coraopolis..... Dormont.....	Potter. " " " " " Luzerne. " " " Carbon. " Northumberland. " " " " " " " Snyder. " Allegheny. " " " " " " " "
45	Ira G. Ross, of Lodge No. 242.....	Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co.				
46	Frederic A. Godcharles, of Lodge No. 256.....	Milton, Northumb'l'd Co.				
47	William D. McIlroy, of Lodge No. 219.....	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.				

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48	J. Harvey Harrison, of Lodge No. 321	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Hailman Duquesne Joppa Fort Pitt Homewood	321 546 608 634 635	Pittsburgh " " " "	Allegheny. " " " "
49	John A. Caughey, of Lodge No. 583	McKeesport, Allegh'y Co.	Alliquippa Youghiogheny Tyrian Valley McKeesport	375 583 612 613 641	McKeesport " Wilmerding Turtle Creek McKeesport	Allegheny. " " " "
50	Joseph M. Kerr, of Lodge No. 628	Stroudsburg, Monroe Co.	Barger J. Simpson Africa Portland Manoquesy Bangor Pen Argyl Whitfield	325 628 311 413 565 594 622	Stroudsburg East Stroudsburg Portland Bath Bangor Pen Argyl Nazareth	Monroe. " Northampton. " " " "
51	Benjamin Page, of Lodge No. 679	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Milnor McCandless Pittsburgh Dallas Oakland	287 390 484 508 535	Pittsburgh " " " "	Allegheny. " " " "
52	Albert C. Rohland, of Lodge No. 608	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Crescent Geter C. Shidle Temple Fellowship Bellefield	576 650 678 679 680	Pittsburgh " " " "	Allegheny. " " " "
53	Sion B. Smith, of Lodge No. 530	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Allegheny McKinley Davage Bellevue Doric Avalon	223 318 374 530 630 657	Pittsburgh, N. S. " " Bellevue Sewiekley Bellevue	Allegheny. " " " " "

Brother William B. Joslyn, of Lodge No. 274, Philadelphia, Instructor of Work.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND

From its Organization on the 25th day of September, A.D. 1786, Grand Lodge of England, having been closed forever), with years

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1786 ¹	* William Adcock.	* Alexander Rutherford.†	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.
1787 ²	do.	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.†	* Joseph Dean.
1788 ³	do.	do.	do.
1789	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.	* George Ord.	do.
1790	do.	do.	* Joseph Few.
1791	do.	* Joseph Few.	* Thomas Proctor.
1792	do.	do.	do.
1793	do.	* John Carson.	* Gavin Hamilton.
1794	do.	do.	* John McCree.
1795	* William Ball.	* William Moore Smith.	* Thomas Town.
1796	* William Moore Smith.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.
1797	do.	do.	do.
1798	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.	do.	do.
1799	do.	* Israel Israel.	* James Milnor.
1800	do.	do.	do.
1801	do.	do.	do.
1802	do.	* James Milnor.	* John W. Van Cleve.
1803	* Israel Israel.	* John Armaniere Monges.	* Ebenezer Ferguson.
1804	do.	* James Milnor.	do.
1805	do.	* Frederick Wolbert.	* Robert Pullen.
1806	* James Milnor.	do.	* Robert Lewis.
1807	do.	do.	do.
1808	do.	* Peter Le Barbier Duplessis.	do.
1809	do.	do.	* Richard Tybout.
1810	do.	do.	do.
1811	do.	do.	do.
1812	do.	do.	do.
1813	do.	* Richard Tybout.	* Joseph Burden.
1814	* Richard Tybout.	* Samuel F. Bradford.	do.
1815	* Samuel F. Bradford.	* Walter Kerr.	* Bayse Newcomb.
1816	* Walter Kerr.	* Bayse Newcomb.	* Joseph Barnes.
1817	do.	do.	do.
1818	* Bayse Newcomb.	* Joseph Barnes.	* Thomas Elliott.
1819	do.	do.	do.
1820	do.	* Thomas Elliott.	* Josiah Randall.
1821	do.	do.	do.
1822	* Josiah Randall.	* John Bannister Gibson.	* James Harper.
1823	do.	do.	do.
1824	* John Bannister Gibson.	* James Harper.	* Thomas Kittera.
1825	* James Harper.	* Thomas Kittera.	* Samuel Badger.
1826	* Thomas Kittera.	* Samuel Badger.	* Michael Nisbet.
1827	do.	do.	do.
1828	do.	do.	do.
1829	* Samuel Badger.	* Michael Nisbet.	* John Steele.
1830	do.	do.	do.
1831	* Michael Nisbet.	* John Steele.	* George M. Dallas.
1832	do.	do.	do.
1833	* John Steele.	* George M. Dallas.	* Tristram B. Freeman.
1834	do.	do.	do.
1835	* George M. Dallas.	* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Robert Toland.
1836	* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Robert Toland.	* John M. Read.
1837	* John M. Read.	* Samuel H. Perkins.	* William Stephens.
1838	do.	do.	* Joseph R. Chandler.
1839	* Samuel H. Perkins.	* Joseph R. Chandler.	* Cornelius Stevenson.
1840	do.	do.	do.
1841	* Joseph R. Chandler.	* Cornelius Stevenson.	* William Barger.
1842	do.	do.	do.
1843	* Cornelius Stevenson.	* William Barger.	* James Page.
1844	* William Barger.	* James Page.	* Peter Fritz.
1845	do.	do.	do.

* Deceased.

† Appointed by Grand Master.

¹ Election held September 25.

² Election held January 2.

³ Election held December 17, 1787.

LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

A.L. 5786 (the Provincial Grand Lodge, under a Warrant from the of service, the Election occurring annually in December preceding.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.	Year.
* Joseph Dean.	* Gavin Hamilton.	* Assheton Humphreys.	1786 ¹
* George Ord.	do.	do.	1787 ²
do.	do.	do.	1788 ³
* Joseph Few.	do.	do.	1789
* William McIlwaine.	do.	* P. Le Barbier Duplessis.	1790
* Gavin Hamilton.	* Benjamin Mason.	do.	1791
do.	do.	do.	1792
* John McCree.	* Edward Fox.	do.	1793
* Edward Fox.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.	1794
* John Poor.	* John McElwee.	* Thomas Armstrong.	1795
do.	do.	do.	1796
* Thomas Armstrong.	do.	* George A. Baker.	1797
* David Irving.	do.	do.	1798
* Charles Patton.	do.	do.	1799
* Archibald Alexander.	do.	do.	1800
* John W. Van Cleve.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.	1801
* Ebenezer Ferguson.	do.	do.	1802
* Robert Pullen.	do.	do.	1803
do.	do.	do.	1804
* Robert Poalk.	* Thomas Armstrong.	do.	1805
do.	do.	do.	1806
do.	do.	do.	1807
do.	* Samuel F. Bradford.	do.	1808
do.	do.	do.	1809
* Joseph Burden.	do.	do.	1810
do.	do.	do.	1811
do.	do.	do.	1812
* Samuel F. Bradford.	* Walter Kerr.	do.	1813
* Walter Kerr.	* Thomas Astley.	do.	1814
* Joseph Barnes.	* Richard Bache.	do.	1815
* Richard Bache.	* Joseph S. Lewis.	do. ⁴	1816
* Thomas Elliott.	do.	* George A. Baker, Jr.	1817
* Josiah Randall.	do.	do.	1818
do.	do.	do.	1819
* William McCorkle.	do.	do.	1820
* James Harper.	do.	do.	1821
* Thomas Kittera.	do.	do.	1822
do.	do.	do. ⁵	1823
* Samuel Badger.	do.	* Bernard Dahlgren.	1824
* Michael Nisbet.	do. ⁶	* Samuel H. Thomas.	1825
* John Steele.	* Robert Toland.	do.	1826
do.	do.	do.	1827
do.	* Solomon Allen.	do.	1828
* George M. Dallas.	* Randal Hutchinson.	do.	1829
do.	do.	do.	1830
* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Samuel M. Stewart.	do.	1831
do.	do.	* John M. Read.	1832
* Robert Toland.	* Cornelius Stevenson.	do.	1833
do.	do.	do.	1834
* John M. Read.	* Robinson R. Moore.	* Samuel M. Stewart.	1835
* Samuel H. Perkins.	do.	do.	1836
* Joseph R. Chandler.	do.	do.	1837
* Cornelius Stevenson.	do.	do.	1838
* Francis Cooper.	do.	do.	1839
* William Barger.	do.	* Michael Nisbet.	1840
* John W. McGrath.	do.	do.	1841
do.	* John Thomson.	do. ⁷	1842
* Peter Fritz.	do.	* William H. Adams.	1843
* William Whitney.	do.	do.	1844
do.	do.	do.	1845

¹ Died after his re-election, in December, 1816; his son, George A. Baker, Jr., appointed.

⁵ Died October, 1823. Nathan R. Potts appointed.

⁶ Resigned, March 7, 1825. Robert Toland elected, March 21, 1825.

⁷ Died in office, May, 1842. William H. Adams appointed, June 6.

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Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1846	* James Page.	* Peter Fritz.	* William Whitney.
1847	do.	do.	do.
1848	* Peter Fritz.	* William Whitney.	* Anthony Bournonville.
1849	do.	do.	do.
1850	* William Whitney.	* Anthony Bournonville.	* James Hutchinson.
1851	do.	do.	do.
1852	* Anthony Bournonville.	* James Hutchinson.	* Peter Williamson.
1853	do.	do.	do.
1854	* James Hutchinson.	* Peter Williamson.	* John K. Mitchell.
1855	do.	do.	do.
1856	* Peter Williamson.	* John K. Mitchell.	* Henry M. Phillips.
1857	do.	do.	do.
1858	* John K. Mitchell. ²	* Henry M. Phillips.	* John Thomson.
1859	* Henry M. Phillips.	* John Thomson.	* David C. Skerrett.
1860	do.	do.	do.
1861	* John Thomson.	* David C. Skerrett.	* Lucius H. Scott.
1862	do.	do.	do.
1863	* David C. Skerrett.	* Lucius H. Scott.	* John L. Goddard.
1864	do.	do.	do.
1865	* Lucius H. Scott.	* John L. Goddard.	* Richard Vaux.
1866	do.	do.	do.
1867	* John L. Goddard. ⁴	* Richard Vaux.	* Robert A. Lamberton.
1868	* Richard Vaux.	* Robert A. Lamberton.	* Samuel C. Perkins.
1869	do.	do.	do.
1870	* Robert A. Lamberton.	* Samuel C. Perkins.	* Alfred R. Potter.
1871	do.	do.	do.
1872	* Samuel C. Perkins.	* Alfred R. Potter.	* Robert Clark.
1873	do.	do.	do.
1874	* Alfred R. Potter.	* Robert Clark.	* James Madison Porter.
1875	do.	do.	do.
1876	* Robert Clark.	* James Madison Porter.	* Michael Nisbet.
1877	do.	do.	do.
1878	* James Madison Porter.	* Michael Nisbet.	* Samuel B. Dick.
1879	* Michael Nisbet.	* Samuel B. Dick.	* Conrad B. Day.
1880	do.	do.	do.
1881	* Samuel B. Dick.	* Conrad B. Day.	* E. Coppée Mitchell.
1882	do.	do.	do.
1883	* Conrad B. Day.	* E. Coppée Mitchell.	* Joseph Eichbaum.
1884	do.	do.	do.
1885	* E. Coppée Mitchell.	* Joseph Eichbaum.	* Clifford P. MacCalla.
1886	do.	do.	do.
1887	* Joseph Eichbaum.	* Clifford P. MacCalla.	* J. Simpson Africa.
1888	do.	do.	do.
1889	* Clifford P. MacCalla.	* J. Simpson Africa.	* Michael Arnold.
1890	do.	do.	do.
1891	* J. Simpson Africa.	* Michael Arnold.	* Matthias H. Henderson.
1892	do.	do.	do.
1893	* Michael Arnold.	* Matthias H. Henderson.	* William J. Kelly.
1894	do.	do.	do.
1895	* Matthias H. Henderson.	* William J. Kelly.	* Henry W. Williams.
1896	do.	do.	do.
1897	* William J. Kelly.	* Henry W. Williams.	* George E. Wagner.
1898	do.	do.	do.
1899	* Henry W. Williams. ⁶	* George E. Wagner.	Edgar A. Tennis.
1900	* George E. Wagner.	Edgar A. Tennis.	* James W. Brown.
1901	do.	do.	do.
1902	Edgar A. Tennis.	* James W. Brown.	* George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1903	do.	do.	do.
1904	* James W. Brown.	* George W. Kendrick, Jr.	George B. Orlady.
1905	do.	do.	do.
1906	* George W. Kendrick, Jr.	George B. Orlady.	* George W. Guthrie.
1907	do.	do.	do.
1908	George B. Orlady.	* George W. Guthrie.	William L. Gorgas.
1909	do.	do.	do.
1910	* George W. Guthrie.	William L. Gorgas.	J. Henry Williams.
1911	do.	do.	do.
1912	William L. Gorgas.	J. Henry Williams.	Louis A. Watres.
1913	do.	do.	do.
1914	J. Henry Williams.	Louis A. Watres.	James B. Krause.
1915	do.	do.	do.
1916	Louis A. Watres.	James B. Krause.	John S. Sell.
1917	do.	do.	do.
1918	James B. Krause.	John S. Sell.	Abraham M. Beitler.

* Deceased.

¹ Died in office, January, 1851. Peter Williamson elected, March 3, 1851.

² Died in office, April 8, 1858.

³ Died in office, February 11, 1866. John Thomson appointed.

⁴ Died in office, July 17, 1867.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.	Year.
* Anthony Bournonville.	* John Thomson.	* William H. Adams.	1846
do.	do.	do.	1847
* James Hutchinson.	do.	do.	1848
do.	do.	do.	1849
* Alexander Diamond.	do.	do.	1850
do. ¹	do.	do.	1851
* John K. Mitchell.	do.	do.	1852
do.	do.	do.	1853
* Henry M. Phillips.	* Thomas E. Baxter.	do.	1854
do.	do.	do.	1855
* John Thomson.	do.	do.	1856
do.	* James Shields.	do.	1857
* David C. Skerrett.	* Peter Williamson.	do.	1858
* Lucius H. Scott.	do.	do.	1859
do.	do.	do.	1860
* John L. Goddard.	do.	do.	1861
do.	do.	do.	1862
* Richard Vaux.	do.	do.	1863
do.	do.	do.	1864
* Robert A. Lamberton.	do.	do.	1865
do.	do.	do. ³	1866
* Samuel C. Perkins.	do.	* John Thomson.	1867
* Alfred R. Potter.	do.	do.	1868
do.	do.	do.	1869
* Robert Clark.	do.	do.	1870
do.	do.	do.	1871
* James Madison Porter.	* Thomas Brown.	do.	1872
do.	do.	do.	1873
* Michael Nisbet.	* Thomas R. Patton.	do.	1874
do.	do.	do.	1875
* Samuel B. Dick.	do.	do.	1876
do.	do.	do.	1877
* Conrad B. Day.	do.	do.	1878
* E. Coppée Mitchell.	do.	do.	1879
do.	do.	do.	1880
* Joseph Eichbaum.	do.	* Michael Nisbet.	1881
do.	do.	do.	1882
* Clifford P. MacCalla.	do.	do.	1883
do.	do.	do.	1884
* J. Simpson Africa.	do.	do.	1885
do.	do.	do.	1886
* Michael Arnold.	do.	do.	1887
do.	do.	do.	1888
* Matthias H. Henderson.	do.	do.	1889
do.	do.	do.	1890
* William J. Kelly.	do.	do.	1891
do.	do.	do.	1892
* Henry W. Williams.	do.	do.	1893
do.	do.	do.	1894
* George E. Wagner.	do.	do.	1895
do.	do.	do. ⁵	1896
Edgar A. Tennis.	do.	* William A. Sinn.	1897
do.	do.	do.	1898
* James W. Brown.	do.	do.	1899
* George W. Kendrick, Jr.	do.	do.	1900
do.	do.	do.	1901
George B. Orlady.	do.	do.	1902
do.	do.	do.	1903
* Charles M. Swain. ⁷	do.	do.	1904
* George W. Guthrie.	do.	do.	1905
William L. Gorgas.	do.	do.	1906
do.	do. ⁸	do.	1907
J. Henry Williams.	William B. Hackenburg	do.	1908
do.	do.	do.	1909
Louis A. Watres.	do.	do.	1910
do.	do.	do. ⁹	1911
James B. Krause.	do.	John A. Perry.	1912
do.	do.	do.	1913
John S. Sell.	do.	do.	1914
do.	do.	do.	1915
Abraham M. Beitler.	do.	do.	1916
do.	do.	do.	1917
Samuel M. Goodyear.	do.	do.	1918

⁵ Died in office, May 7, 1896. William A. Sinn appointed, May 15, 1896.

⁶ Died in office, January 25, 1899.

⁷ Died in office, July 23, 1904.

⁸ Died in office, September 13, 1907.

⁹ Died in office, October 17, 1911. John A. Perry appointed, October 23, 1911.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE
FOR 1917.

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FOR 1917.

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

THE report of your Committee on Correspondence is herewith submitted. We are admonished that the duty of the hour is to practise economy; that war prices on paper, printing and book making demand brevity in writing; that it is desirable to conserve the funds of Grand Lodge for other uses. Therefore, in the following pages we have been content to place before our readers only a narrative of some of the principal doings of the several Grand Lodges, reducing to a minimum discussion thereof.

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Proceedings of Grand Lodges have been examined and reported on as follows:

ALABAMA	1916	NEW BRUNSWICK	1916, 1917
ALBERTA	1916, 1917	NEW HAMPSHIRE	1917
ARIZONA	1917	NEW JERSEY	1917
ARKANSAS	1916	NEW MEXICO	1916
BRITISH COLUMBIA . .	1917	NEW SOUTH WALES . .	1916
CALIFORNIA	1916	NEW YORK	1917
CANADA	1916	NEW ZEALAND	1916
COLORADO	1916, 1917	NORTH CAROLINA . . .	1917
CONNECTICUT	1917	NORTH DAKOTA	1917
DELAWARE	1916	NOVA SCOTIA	1917
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1916	OHIO	1916
ENGLAND	1916	OKLAHOMA	1917
FLORIDA	1917	OREGON	1917
GEORGIA	1916	PHILIPPINE ISLANDS . .	1917
IDAHO	1917	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	
ILLINOIS	1916, 1917		1917
INDIANA	1917	QUEBEC	1917
IOWA	1917	SASKATCHEWAN	1917
IRELAND	1916	SCOTLAND	1916
KANSAS	1917	SOUTH AUSTRALIA . . .	1917
KENTUCKY	1916	SOUTH CAROLINA	1916
LOUISIANA	1917	SOUTH DAKOTA	1917
MAINE	1917	TENNESSEE	1917
MANITOBA	1917	TEXAS	1916
MARYLAND	1916	UTAH	1917
MASSACHUSETTS	1916	VERMONT	1917
MICHIGAN	1917	VICTORIA	1916
MINNESOTA	1917	VIRGINIA	1917
MISSISSIPPI	1917	WASHINGTON	1916
MISSOURI	1916	WESTERN AUSTRALIA .	1917
MONTANA	1916	WEST VIRGINIA	1916
NEBRASKA	1917	WISCONSIN	1917
NEVADA	1916, 1917	WYOMING	1916

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NINETY-SIXTH Annual Communication, December 6, 1916, at Montgomery.

In a comprehensive official address, Grand Master WALTER SMITH held the "ravages of the boll weevil and the floods of last summer" responsible for only "fair progress" in the numerical growth of the Fraternity in the Jurisdiction. He found in the Craft, however, a gratifying desire to study and live the principles of Masonry, which is of greater importance. We learn from his decisions that clergymen may be admitted to the Fraternity at one-half the regular fee.

Upon the complaint of a Lodge the Grand Master reported and referred to Grand Lodge a case of injecting party politics into Masonry. It affected an officer of the Grand Lodge and a brother who was seeking a State political office. In endorsement of the candidacy of the latter a circular letter was widely distributed, signed by the former and printed on what appeared to be his official letter paper. An investigation of the facts showed that the endorsement had been written on plain letter paper, and forwarded by letter written on official letter paper; that it was intended to be only an act of personal friendship, but got into the hands of the candidate's campaign manager, who was not a Mason, and who had the circular printed as issuing from the office of the Grand Lodge officer. The committee investigating the case exonerated the Grand Lodge officer from any intention to use his office or Masonic influence in the political campaign, and gave expression to the following:

"It is altogether unmasonic and wholly reprehensible to endeavor through the Masonic fraternity to secure vote or preferment in or for office, or to obtain business; but it is commendable in the brethren to prefer each other, all other things being equal, both in business and in the search for honors or preferment, where it is voluntarily done, and without solicitation as such."

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The reports for the Masonic Home were full of gratification for the laudable work of the institution. The residents comprised 9 men, 56 girls and 34 boys, all "well fed, well clothed and looked after with fatherly care." The cost of maintenance per month, per capita, was \$15.20. The managers are striving to enlarge the scope of the work, and at their suggestion Grand Lodge authorized an issue of bonds for \$20,000 for improvements and equipment.

Brother OLIVER DAY STREET is the author of the Correspondence Report. It is his first, but would pass for the work of a veteran. The "topical" form of his predecessor is discarded as unsatisfactory to the Craft, which, we believe, is the general opinion of Masonic reviewers.

His notice of Pennsylvania is generally favorable; but, like many others, he cannot accept our doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction." Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS's official report is termed "a model of brevity and comprehensiveness." This is a high compliment, for the successful combination of the two opposite qualities in an effective document indicates rare skill in its production.

The figures in our financial statements are said to be "simply staggering." And yet he marvels that with all our wealth we have not been able to substantially aid such a meritorious cause as the Washington Memorial Association. We would remind him that "large bodies move slowly"; the Washington Memorial is not yet built, and time will prove that the memory of WASHINGTON, the Mason, is as much alive in Pennsylvania as elsewhere. When Pennsylvania gets started on the project do not be surprised if her name "led all the rest."

Brother STREET notes the death of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON and says of him that "he was one of the most learned Masons in the world"; also that he never touched upon an important subject except to elucidate it.

He is in full accord with Pennsylvania's doctrine to adhere to the landmarks handed down by our Fathers; his

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argument in defence of physical perfection and against the charge that among those who advocate it there is an inconsistency in the admission of "those possessed of less than moral perfection," is—from our point of view—quite unanswerable.

WALTER SMITH, Tuscaloosa, Grand Master.
GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA—1916-1917.

ELEVENTH Annual Communication, May 31, 1916, at Banff.

Grand Lodge opened with resolutions of renewed pledges of the Freemasons to the King and Empire. This was followed, in the address of Grand Master S. Y. TAYLOR, by the promise to render all possible assistance "to Britain in the struggle which she has undertaken against the common enemy of mankind."

The Grand Master had an application for a dispensation to form a Lodge in one of the military units recruited in Alberta. It sounds like an echo from the Colonial days when Military Lodges were quite common. Upon investigation he found that such Lodges had not been organized since 1792, and that Masonic authorities are opposed to them; therefore he denied the request.

He was pleased to report that notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions, the increase of membership during the year was highly gratifying. Ten per cent. of the membership was in the military service. Among them was the Grand Secretary, Brother DR. GEORGE McDONALD, who was commissioned a Colonel. He was re-elected Grand Secretary and arrangements were made for the conduct of his office in his absence.

We learn from the Grand Master's decisions that physical perfection is not a sacred landmark in this Jurisdiction. He ruled that the loss of four fingers of the left hand at the third

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joint was not a bar to initiation; neither was the loss of the left arm.

Grand Lodge finances showed a comfortable surplus of \$21,337.62. One thousand dollars was appropriated to the Grand Lodge Patriotic Fund. From a voluntary fund for field hospitals \$1,602.40 was disbursed.

The condition of the Fraternity in the Jurisdiction is told in the following declaration of a committee, and approved by the Grand Lodge:

“ We are proud to point out that this Grand Lodge, the various Lodges and the Masons in general have in this hour of stress risen to the occasion. We feel that we are stronger and better as men and Masons because of our trials, and the spirit of Masonry has never been better shown than at present.”

E. T. BISHOP,	Edmonton,	Grand Master.
GEORGE McDONALD,	Calgary,	Grand Secretary.

TWELFTH Annual Communication, May 30, 1917, at Banff.

Grand Master E. T. BISHOP referred to a number of applications for dispensation to initiate persons not physically perfect, which he had to refuse, as he was not vested with such authority. He recommended that Grand Lodge adopt some rule on the subject to guide the Lodges, as they would probably receive such applications for returned soldiers who were disabled in the war. The action of the Grand Lodge of England was cited (1875) which declared that “ a candidate is eligible who, although not perfect in his limbs, is sufficiently so to comply with the various ceremonies required in the different degrees,” and that the Master of the Lodge should have power to decide each case upon its merits. He believed the Grand Lodge of Alberta should adopt the same regulation. Grand Lodge agreed with him, except that such cases should be referred to the Grand Master and by him determined.

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As our own country is now marching with Canada and its provinces under the banner of democracy and a higher civilization, and many of our Brethren will undertake the same burdens and make the same sacrifices, it is well to place before our readers the well-chosen words of Grand Master BISHOP on the duties of those of us who are left behind in comparative security and comfort:

“As I went from place to place I saw in our Lodges the names of our men who have gone, the records of the men who have fallen. Very many of our Brethren are now at the front; many of them will never return. All this is throwing upon us a responsibility which we cannot ignore, and which it will be our greatest honor and our highest privilege to meet. The welfare of the widows and children of our departed brethren must be for years to come the principal concern of this Fraternity. Our obligation in this regard will not be answered by subscriptions suitable to our convenience or given with consideration as to what others give. Not until the giving hurts us do we really begin to give. If the money and effort that are expended in less laudable ways in the name of Masonry were directed to the help of the relatives of our brethren who need it, then would Masonry indeed be a great benefit to the community and not merely a hope but partially realized.

“If it were a question of the price to be exacted from us that we be allowed to remain in our own country that we might be with and care for our loved ones, what would we not give, what would we not do? This I take it is the nature of our obligation. This great privilege is being purchased for us by the sacrifices of our brothers overseas, by the anguish of their wives, by the sorrows of their children. To pay this debt we may easily do too little; we cannot do too much.”

W. M. CONNACHER,
S. Y. TAYLOR,

Calgary,
Calgary,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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ARIZONA—1917.

THIRTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, February 13, 1917, at Phoenix, Grand Master FREDERICK W. PERKINS presiding.

The Grand Master reported a "prosperous and peaceful year" for the Grand Lodge. Among other duties performed by him, dispensations were issued to permit action on petitions for the degrees of quite a number of soldiers of the United States Army without waiting the usual time. His action was approved by the Grand Lodge, as within his power under the law, but the Committee on Jurisprudence desired it to be understood that the same favor could not be extended to men of the militia, or national guard of the State.

With a view of meeting the present and future demands upon the charities of the Jurisdiction, Grand Lodge is accumulating a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which now amounts to about \$47,000. Grand Treasurer RICKMER N. FREDERICKS appeared to think it was not growing fast enough; so he made a donation of \$1,000 to the Fund, and intimated that others of "our opulent brethren" might do likewise if the purposes and aims were properly made known to them. At the same time another Brother made a donation of \$100. A systematic canvass of the Jurisdiction was agreed upon to secure subscriptions to the Fund.

CHARLES CUSTIS WOOLF,	Tempe,	Grand Master.
GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE,	Tucson,	Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS—1916.

SEVENTY-FIFTH Annual Communication, November 21, 1916, at Little Rock, Grand Master L. P. KEMPER presiding.

The Grand Master expressed his contempt for a Lodge that repudiates its obligation to reimburse another Lodge for

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the care of its sick and the burial of its dead. There is no uncertain meaning in his language:

“If it is wrong to defraud a lodge of Master Masons, under ordinary circumstances, it is doubly so to refuse to pay the expense incurred by a sister lodge in caring for our sick and afflicted, and a lodge that will not do that, should have their charter arrested and have their organization wiped off the map, for of all the contemptible, mean things it is possible for a lodge to do, I think that is the worst, and I would feel more kindly to a lodge that would wilfully violate every edict of the Grand Lodge than the one who obeys every edict implicitly and then refused to pay the funeral expenses of a deceased brother, when such expense was incurred by a sister lodge.”

One of his decisions declared that to sign a petition for the repeal of the State Prohibition law and for Local Option was as much a violation of the Masonic law as to sign a petition for a liquor license, which the laws of the Jurisdiction strictly forbid.

He recommended that plans be reported for securing a Home for aged and dependent Masons, their wives and widows. A committee reported against any consideration of the subject; but Grand Lodge took his view of it and voted to appoint a commission to gather data and present same to the next session of the Grand Lodge. They have an Orphans' Home, caring for about one hundred and twenty children, but evidently it is desired to extend the charity to adults as well, without which such a movement is far from complete.

Grand Lodge adopted a resolution that the American flag be displayed at all Masonic meetings in the Jurisdiction.

J. S. REAMEY,

FAY HEMPSTEAD,

Hot Springs,

Little Rock,

Grand Master.

Grand Secretary.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA—1917.

FORTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, June 21, 1917, at New Westminster.

The prominent feature of the administration of Grand Master WILLIAM ASTLEY was an effort to create a fund to assist the Brethren who return from the war maimed and disabled. It was to be raised by an appeal to the Masons to set aside one cent per day and to be contributed for that purpose. Only about one-fifth of the membership responded, which does not prove that they lacked sympathy for the object, but that such a scheme is impracticable. The psychology of raising money by voluntary contribution does not admit of such small methods. If you want to get money out of a man give him credit for having lots of it and don't hurt his self-importance by putting him in the penny class. The penny contribution is too insignificant to give one's attention to.

The Honor Roll covers twenty pages of the Proceedings and certainly does look splendid. It is not a complete list, but contains over one thousand names of all ranks, from a Major-General to a private. Those marked "killed in action" are distressingly frequent.

The record contains a touching incident, which reflects the tender regard for the name and memory of a Brother Mason who, though he may have sinned, yet had made the supreme, heroic sacrifice to duty. No name is mentioned, nor are the facts stated, but apparently either charges were pending against him in Grand Lodge or judgment had been already pronounced against him in his absence. It was announced by a Past Grand Master that "he had recently been informed that this Brother had lately laid down his life for his King and Country," whereupon it was voted that his Lodge be requested "to withdraw from the records all the proceedings of the case." To err is human; to forgive, divine—especially in such pathetic circumstances.

In a series of patriotic resolutions adopted by Grand

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Lodge the following is of interest to the Masons of the United States:

“ Resolved—That this Grand Lodge, in Annual Meeting assembled, realizing the long-drawn battle and the straining almost to the limit of the energy and resources of the Empire and our Allies, heartfully expresses its gratification on the addition to the man, moral and material forces by the action of the United States in joining with the forces fighting for democracy, and expresses its convictions that such action will have a tendency towards drawing closer and closer those ever-harmonious relations that have heretofore existed between our Sister Jurisdictions of the United States and ourselves.”

The Correspondence Report of Grand Secretary DEWOLF-SMITH contains a notice of Pennsylvania (1915) in which the installation address of Grand Master WATRES is fully quoted, and the death of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON referred to. Brother LAMBERTON is mentioned for “his wide range of general knowledge and his correct style of composition which made his reports noteworthy in every respect.”

DR. DOUGLAS CORSAN, Fernie, Grand Master.
DR. W. A. DEWOLF-SMITH, New Westminster, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA—1916.

SIXTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, October 10, 1916, at San Francisco, Grand Master ALBERT G. BURNETT presiding.

Dwelling upon the disappointments and discouragements of present-day social conditions and current world events, his optimism of the ultimate triumph of the moral and social virtues, which Masonry disseminates, and their final fruition

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into Brotherhood, is, however, refreshing. He said: "The principles we teach are the only influence that can save and redeem the world, and their beauty and potency will yet be acknowledged by all mankind."

He reported the receipt of \$21,000 from a Brother whose name was not to be revealed, to be used for a dormitory at the Masonic Home for Children; and he fittingly termed it "a noble gift from a noble man." We have thousands of wealthy Masons to whose life Masonry has been a valuable asset; it has helped to instil in them genuine sentiments of philanthropy; and at times they seriously entertain plans for bestowing a portion of their wealth upon Masonic objects. But it is too often the habit to postpone such impulses until a convenient time to formulate testamentary provisions; and the pressing affairs of a busy life relegate them to forgetfulness. How much better to act upon the impulse and, like the case here cited, build the monument in their life-time and have the happiness of witnessing the good they may do for their Masonic Brethren!

Among his decisions was one to the effect that Masonic funeral services could not be held over the ashes of a Brother whose body had been cremated. Grand Lodge did not agree with him and disapproved the decision. Grand Lodge appears to have taken the common-sense view of it.

The Masonic Homes at Decoto and Corvina were reported to be in fine condition and tenderly caring for a large family of unfortunates. It is proposed to raise an Endowment Fund of one million dollars by voluntary contribution from the Masons of California, the income to be used for the support of the Homes.

The Employment Bureau is also showing splendid results. During the year 1,169 males were placed in positions, and 162 females. The expense of operation was \$1,716.15, contributed largely by the subordinate bodies in San Francisco. Among other activities, efforts are being made to foster and encourage

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Masonic education by the study of tradition, history, philosophy, law, etc., of the Fraternity.

It was proposed to exempt from dues members of Lodges after twenty years' affiliation, and more than sixty-five years of age. It was rejected, however, on the principle that no Mason should expect to be relieved of the obligation of contributing his share in the great work of the Fraternity so long as he is able to do so. When will some one ask Masonry to grant old age pensions?

During the year a landmark of Masonry in California was removed by the death of Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES. He received his first degree in New York in 1849 and in 1852 migrated to San Francisco via Cape Horn. He became Grand Master in 1867. He was always conspicuous for his clean, wholesome life and "everybody loved him."

In his Correspondence Report Past Grand Master EDWARD H. HART mentions, in complimentary terms, the installation address of Grand Master WATRES, and refers to the death of our late Brother LAMBERTON in words of high praise for his Masonic service and erudition.

FREDERICK V. KEESLING, San Francisco, Grand Master.
JOHN WHICHER, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

CANADA—1916.

SIXTY-FIRST Annual Communication, July 19, 1916, at London, Grand Master SYDNEY A. LUKE "on the Throne." His official address states that "the past year has been an uneventful one, one of peace and quietness." He bestowed much attention upon the war and the devoted service of the Masons of the Jurisdiction to the country's cause. To May 31, 1916, they had contributed \$46,717.82 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

He was in line with the best thought among Masonic

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leaders on what he termed "a competitive spirit among city lodges." To receive notices containing the names of from thirty to sixty candidates to be balloted upon at one meeting aroused his suspicion that improper solicitation was practised, which, if not curbed, would lead to very bad effects. His is not the only Jurisdiction in which the suspected evil exists, and we are glad to be able to report that in Pennsylvania Grand Master WATRES has given serious thought to its mitigation.

An incident of the meeting was the presentation of a check for \$1,359.49 from the Lodges in the Hamilton District, to be transmitted to the Canadian Red Cross Society. Another was the introduction of the chief military recruiting officer of Canada, who addressed the Grand Lodge on the needs of the Empire and what the loyal Brethren could do to render financial and personal service to the country.

Correspondence Report is from Past Grand Master A. T. FREED, who, in his notice of Pennsylvania (1915), discusses our position on "perpetual jurisdiction," as re-affirmed by Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS in his official report of that year. To give our readers the viewpoint of one of the Masonic writers in dissenting from our doctrine, we here reproduce part of Brother FREED's argument. Applying to the subject our requirement of physical perfection, he says:

"Nor will the Pennsylvania doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction be accepted by the Masonic world. It is incompatible with the dignity of a sovereign Grand Lodge to sue to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, much more to a private lodge in Pennsylvania, for permission to accept a candidate known to be suitable for initiation and worthy to be made a Mason. We do not agree with a brother reviewer that the position assumed by Pennsylvania constitutes a *casus belli*, but it certainly is a cause for disquiet in the Masonic world and a menace to Masonic harmony.

"There 'physical perfection' is demanded. If the man

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had the tip of the little finger of his left hand shot away at the battle of Gettysburg while fighting for the defence of Pennsylvania, no Pennsylvania lodge dare admit him to membership. But that standard of physical perfection is not common among Masons, and is not warranted by any ancient law. Pennsylvania has a perfect right to make it her law; but Pennsylvania has no right to say that it must be the law in other jurisdictions. To assert that the candidate so rejected in Pennsylvania must not be accepted by another jurisdiction is to deny the Masonic sovereignty of the other jurisdictions. And to imply that the other jurisdictions, in accepting such candidates, acted upon the principle that the rejected candidates should be compelled to join them is an unjust and wholly unwarranted declaration that they are so eager for candidates and so eager for money as to accept unfit material."

SYDNEY A. LUKE,

Ottawa,

Grand Master.

R. L. GUNN,

Hamilton,

Grand Secretary.

COLORADO—1916-1917.

FIFTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, September 19, 1916, at Denver.

From the official address of Grand Master GUY V. STERNBERG, it appears that the Masonic bodies in Colorado are having their troubles with the tax gatherers. The Masonic Temple at Colorado Springs was assessed for taxes at approximately \$800. Believing that under the law the property was exempt from taxation, payment was refused and contested in the courts. The lower court decided in favor of the Masons; but an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, where it is now pending. We had the same experience in Pennsylvania, except that we did not go to law with it. The Masonic Temple was free from taxes for many years, when all at once the authorities assessed the property for taxes to the amount of about \$27,000; and upon consulting legal

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counsel we paid it. The general rule of law is, that religious and public eleemosynary institutions are exempt from taxes; but the properties of societies, like the Masons, do not come within the exempt class. Unless Colorado has some State law different from the general rule, we do not see how the tax collector is to be denied. In some Jurisdictions the State law has been construed to exempt Masonic properties. Perhaps the law of Colorado may be so construed.

A unique incident was reported, in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Black Hawk Lodge, located at Black Hawk. Brother CHASE WITHROW was its first Worshipful Master, February, 1866. Subsequently he became the fifth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. In December, 1915, he was elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge, and presided as such at this fiftieth anniversary—the first Master of the Lodge, and after fifty years again its Master. Match it if you can!

Another pleasing incident of this Communication was the presentation to Grand Lodge, of Past Grand Master LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF, a veteran of more than fifty years' service and Correspondent since 1870—probably the oldest in point of service as such in the United States. Judging from the spritely character of his report before us, he should be good for many years to come. We hope so.

He gives a good account of Pennsylvania (1915) and excerpts some of the good things from the address of Grand Master WATRES.

GUY V. STERNBERG, Grand Junction, Grand Master.

CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Denver, Grand Secretary.

FIFTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, September 18, 1917, at Denver, Most Worshipful Brother GUY V. STERNBERG, Grand Master.

In his official address the Grand Master alluded to the war as "our war, a war for humanity, a war to establish the

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peace of the world, the freedom of its people, and to bring about the end of autocracies." Grand Lodge empowered the Grand Master to "take such steps and do such things as may be wise in his judgment and appropriate for the relief or comfort of Masons from the State who may be in the military or naval service of the United States, during the present war, and for the relief and comfort of their wives, widows and dependents."

The Grand Master made a full report of a reception tendered to Most Worshipful Brother LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF, of Denver, upon the fiftieth anniversary of his service as Worshipful Master of his Lodge. It was described as "a magnificent, spontaneous outburst of love and respect for one of the ablest, truest and purest Masons who has ever adorned the Fraternity in this or any other Jurisdiction." Brother GREENLEAF is a conspicuous figure in Masonic work and literature, and deserves the highest encomiums of his Brethren. He has been the writer of Correspondence Reports for his Grand Lodge for more than a third of a century; and it is to be regretted that declining health has compelled him to relinquish his office. The good wishes of his fellow-correspondents go with him in his retirement, and their hopes for many years to enjoy the honors of the past which he has deservedly won.

L. D. CRAIN,	Fort Collins,	Grand Master.
CHARLES H. JACOBSON,	Denver,	Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT—1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH Annual Communication, February 7, 1917, at Hartford, Grand Master THOMAS McKENZIE presiding, who reported a most prosperous and happy year for the Craft in Connecticut. Among the prominent features of his official address is an extended endorse-

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ment of the project for a memorial temple to GEORGE WASHINGTON, the Mason, at Alexandria, Virginia. He earnestly commended it and believed that Connecticut "should be in the forefront and command the respect and admiration of the Masons of this and coming generations." His remarks were "referred to the incoming Grand Master," which may mean a polite way of laying the subject on the shelf. Connecticut has a rich Masonic history that goes back to the days of WASHINGTON, and we predict that she will not be found wanting when the proper time comes to honor the memory of that distinguished Mason.

To favor a candidate for the degrees who had been suddenly called to military duty in the Yale Battery, the Grand Master issued a dispensation in conflict with the law. The "New England conscience" of the Committee on Jurisprudence could not overlook it, and said he should not have done it—nobody hurt!

Grand Lodge voted to solicit contributions for a fund of \$150,000 to replace the present frame building at the Masonic Home with a modern fireproof construction. Referring to this institution the Grand Master said: "As we review the past with pride in our achievements, may we not look forward hopefully into the future and contemplate a still greater service; a still wider usefulness; a still more beautiful Home." And yet he judicially declared that an adult daughter or sister of a Master Mason cannot be admitted to the Home unless she is a member of the Eastern Star; and that "the Craft fairly implied that the relief of an adult son or daughter of a Master Mason does not come within the scope of their Masonic obligations." Curious. It's like a labor union serving notice on the employer that no one can get work unless he pays dues to the union. Evidently the Eastern Star is boss of the situation in Connecticut and insists upon the "closed shop."

Grand Secretary GEORGE A. KIES wrote the Correspond-

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ence Report and referred to Pennsylvania (1915) as "the richest Grand Lodge in the world." He says the statement of assets is "fairly staggering."

In very vigorous language he speaks of the onward sweep of the anti-liquor legislation by Grand Lodges as "utter idiocy," "even if their intentions are good"—rather a magnanimous concession. His happiness that he lives in Connecticut is thus expressed:

"We thank heaven that our Masonic lines are not cast in jurisdictions where such lunacy prevails. We hope that at some future time these jurisdictions will awake to the foolishness and at least partial inefficacy of such petty restrictions upon the individual. As an average proposition, the latter can better be trusted to properly settle questions of conscience than can the holier-than-thou megalomaniacs who assume that they alone are competent to play the paternal."

L. J. NICKERSON,	West Cornwall,	Grand Master.
GEORGE A. KIES,	Hartford,	Grand Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH Annual Communication, October 4, 1916, at Wilmington.

We find nothing in the official address of Grand Master WALTER W. BACON of special interest. The transactions of the Grand Lodge were of routine nature. The Committee on Work reported "the officers of the lodges acquiring a degree of proficiency and uniformity never before attained in our history." Report for the Masonic Home showed a total operating expense for ten residents, of \$3,722.04, or \$372.20 per capita, for the year.

STUART J. HORN,	Wilmington,	Grand Master.
HARRY J. GUTHRIE,	Wilmington,	Grand Secretary.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1916.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH Annual Communication, December 20, 1916, at Washington.

Grand Master WILLIAM W. JERMANE reported that “never before in the history of the jurisdiction have so many Masons been made; never before have the Lodges had fewer problems pressing for solution; never before have the brethren been working more unselfishly and impersonally for the good of all.”

Much attention is given to social activities by the Fraternity. There are thirteen Masonic clubs, with an aggregate membership of nearly three thousand. These are said to have done much in the way of relief to Brethren in distress; one club furnished a room at the Masonic Home; another sent four of its members suffering from tuberculosis to the South and assumed meanwhile responsibility for the care of their families. In the membership of the clubs are many Masons, in the employ of the government, who belong to Lodges in other parts of the country and who find this a means of fraternal intercourse with the Masons of this Jurisdiction. It would appear to be a situation peculiar to the Capital. It is estimated that there are more than two thousand such Masons in Washington.

The Masonic Employment Bureau got under way June 1, 1916, and its value and usefulness were soon demonstrated by the fact that in the first six months thirty-eight applicants were helped to positions. The expenses of operation for that period, including equipment and office supplies, were only \$447.04.

At the St. John's Day Communication Brother JAMES W. WITTEN was chosen Grand Master, and following his installation presented an able address in which he spoke of the present-day tendency to promote brotherly relations by proxy—a lack of individual effort in behalf of those to whom we are bound by special ties. Part of his thought is here quoted:

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“ It may satisfy our pride to do so, but in so far as our betterment and our attainment of true happiness are concerned, it is vain and almost useless for us to boast of the work done by our Lodge, or our church—of its uplifts, its benevolences, of the successful efforts of its officers—when we as individuals have done no more than to pay into its treasury a paltry sum as annual dues, and have personally made no larger effort at self-development than that; when we personally have not visited a sick brother, done nothing to cheer and uplift a drooping and despondent soul, gone one step out of our way to find employment for an idle but willing and needy worker, caused a single smile or wiped away a single tear. How can we expect to grow and develop and be truly happy when we have made no effort to so frame our lives and so live them that others ‘seeing may take heart again,’ when we have made no personal effort to lead others along the lines of higher life, thought and action, have not subdued a single passion, or turned down a single glass as an inspiration to other and younger men to purify and fructify their lives? How can we render a good account of our individual stewardship when we have forgotten that we came into this great order to learn to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry? ”

Brother BAIRD's Correspondence Report is up to his usual standard of excellence. Pennsylvania (1915) is given fraternal notice. Of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON he writes: “ a central figure in the Grand Lodge for many years and has always held the esteem of all the members; a scholarly man, Christian gentleman and courteous at all times.”

Speaking of our position on perpetual jurisdiction, perhaps he is a little sarcastic in the remark: “ the stand-pat determination of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is admirable.”

JAMES W. WITTEN,	Washington,	Grand Master.
ARVINE W. JOHNSTON,	Washington,	Grand Secretary.

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ENGLAND—1916.

QUARTERLY Communications of March 1st, June 7th, and September 6th, 1916; Annual Grand Festival of April 26th, 1916, Deputy Grand Master Right Honorable THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, P.C., M.A., on the Throne.

At the meeting of March 1st the matter of Freemasons of enemy birth was again the subject of impassioned discussion. The Board of General Purposes made the following report:

“ The Board has given careful consideration to the alternative proposals, submitted by W. Bro. Col. Cassal, P.Dep.G. Swd.Br., at the last Quarterly Communication, and referred to it by Grand Lodge for report. It has decided to suggest to Grand Lodge that, in view of the resolution of June 2, 1915, and in accordance with the settled policy of English Freemasonry that affairs of State and questions of national relations are not matters for discussion in Lodges, the decision of the status within our Jurisdiction of Brethren of enemy country birth should remain in the discretion of Grand Lodge. The resolution of June has had the effect of preserving the peace and harmony of the Craft, by preventing the admission to our Lodges during the continuance of the war of all Freemasons of enemy country birth; and not a single complaint of the violation or attempted violation of the rule thus laid down has been made to the Board. In order to ensure a continuance of the prohibition then enjoined until such time as Grand Lodge shall remove or modify it, after full notice given, the Board proposes that there shall be inserted in the resolution a proviso which will keep it in force, after the treaty of peace has been signed, until Grand Lodge shall otherwise determine. This will secure that it shall not automatically cease to act, and shall remain operative until Grand Lodge, after the war ends, has had notice of motion to remove or modify the restriction and opportunity to decide upon it. In regard to two matters included in the reference

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of December 1, the recognition of other Grand Lodges by the Grand Lodge of England rests in the M.W. Grand Master. There has been no intercourse with any Grand Lodge in an enemy country since hostilities began; and the Board has no knowledge of English Freemasons having entered a Lodge under the jurisdiction of any enemy country Grand Lodge during the war."

Worshipful Brother Colonel CHARLES E. CASSAL took exception to the last six lines of the above, alleging that the Board had not definitely reported on the "two matters" referred to them, which were: "The immediate withdrawal of this Grand Lodge's recognition of the German Grand Lodges," and "The prohibition of the reception in English Lodges of alleged Masons belonging to a Lodge under any German jurisdiction, and the prohibition of the entry of English Masons into any Lodge existing under any German jurisdiction." He declared that the Board had avoided the issue raised in Grand Lodge, namely: that all relations with German Masonry should be severed and that they should not be automatically resumed after the war—the absolute and permanent destruction of all German and pro-German influence in English Freemasonry. Therefore, he moved to refer that part of the report back to the Board for further action and report. Brother CASSAL was sustained by Grand Lodge in a vote of 333 to 189.

In debating the question Brother CASSAL apparently represented the sentiment of this decisive majority of Grand Lodge in the following utterances:

"I will not enter into an account of the reasons which, as I think, led Grand Lodge to come to the decision it arrived at on these points. I will not, as I have been charged with doing, remind you of the crimes of a people, some of whom, it is thought by certain Brethren, we should receive once

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more with open arms after the war. I ask what is behind this extraordinary feeling which leads the Board of General Purposes to wish apparently to pass by these crimes 'on the other side.' What is behind the minds of such Brethren as V.W. Bro. Canon Horsley, who has written an article for '*The Freemason*' implying that after the war all will be forgotten and that we shall then be willing to receive so-called German Freemasons again as if nothing had happened. Surely this Grand Lodge will not say 'Amen' to that. It is impossible; it cannot be. I do not believe there is any Freemason in this room, who, if he found himself in a Masonic Lodge with a German, would not leave it at once. Would you meet him, shake him by the hand, drink with him? No, it is impossible. No English Freemason will be able to do so again for generations. I could tell you from my own knowledge of the crimes committed by these people. I could remind you of the 'Lusitania' and the 'Ancona,' of the murder of innocent men and children and the violation of women.

"W. Bro. QUICKE: Are you trying to prove that these crimes were committed by Freemasons?"

"W. Bro. Col. CASSAL: What are the Freemasons of Germany but condoners of these crimes? Why have they kept silent? It is said that they are unable to do otherwise. Is that the position for a Mason and a man to take up? Why is it that the German Freemasons attack English Freemasons in the way they have done? Why is it that German Lodges have not had the courage to repudiate these crimes, which are a denial of the principles of Freemasonry? If they have not done so, and we know they have not, they are condoners of those crimes. It is our duty to place these people outside the pale of Freemasonry, as they are outside the pale of humanity, entirely and for ever. I hope that Grand Lodge will pass this amendment, and I feel sure the President of the Board of General Purposes can have no real objection to receiving it.

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I believe, knowing him as I do, that he would readily reconsider this proposition, and advise us on the point, so that we may know what to do and I therefore hope that he will accept it. In voting for the amendment, Brethren, you will be helping on the cause which I am sure all of us have at heart, and that is to leave to our successors a Freemasonry that is pure and unsullied and whose dignity and honour are undiminished and undimmed."

At the Communication of June 7th the following message was read from the Grand Master, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, which appeared to satisfy everybody as disposing of the matter:

" MESSAGE FROM THE THRONE.

" The R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER: I am desired by the M.W. Grand Master to state that, having regard to the unprecedented character of the present War and the intense feelings it has aroused, which show no sign of abatement, the Grand Master has decided that, during its progress and until such time after the treaty of peace has been signed as in the future he may determine, there shall be no intercourse or exchange of representatives between the United Grand Lodge of England and Grand Lodges in enemy Countries, and that such Grand Lodges shall be omitted during that period from the list of bodies in the ' Masonic Year Book ' recognised as in association with this Grand Lodge."

This appears to leave to the Grand Master the final relations between English and German Freemasonry.

It may be here remarked, however, that evidences are not wanting to show that Freemasonry "made in Germany" holds the same contempt for Freemasonry in all the countries at war with Germany—which includes the United States—

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and many years will undoubtedly elapse before the breach is healed. All we can say is, that if German Freemasonry has done no more to develop moral refinement in its adherents than the much-boasted "Kultur" of Germany has done to develop humaneness in her statesmen and soldiers, we can dispense with their society until a different breed of Masons may claim our consideration. However, recognition of the German Grand Lodges is not a problem for Pennsylvania to solve at present, for our Grand Lodge gives no Masonic recognition to them.

Among the measures for raising revenues, Parliament levied what is called an "Entertainment Duty." The Commissioners of Customs construed this to apply to Masonic Lodges, in all cases where musical or other entertainment—other than the making of speeches—follow Masonic dinners, though no specific or separate charge be made for admission, and no fee paid to the entertainers. It came as a great surprise to the Fraternity and it was sought to avoid it, on the grounds that Parliament did not intend that the law should have such application. But having taken counsel, it was decided there was no way out of it. On the theory that such entertainments are open to all Lodge members, it was further declared that the tax should be based on the annual dues of the members. No doubt the effect will be to greatly curtail the amusement features of the Lodge's social events which come within the law. In discussing the matter in Grand Lodge some amusing questions were asked, for instance, if the law applied should the Brethren sing the National Anthem. The Congress of the United States, in its recent war revenue law, also imposed taxes upon entertainments, club dues, etc., but they do not apply to fraternal societies.

At the April Communication the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT was again proclaimed Grand Master for the ensuing year; Lord AMPHILL was re-appointed Pro Grand Master; and

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Right Honorable THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY was re-appointed Deputy Grand Master. SIR E. LETCHWORTH was also re-appointed Grand Secretary.

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EIGHTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, January 16, 1917, at Jacksonville.

Grand Master JAMES E. CRANE's official address dealt largely with routine matters. He stated: "Our relations with all of our Sister Jurisdictions have been cordial and pleasant. However, a request of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania brought forth the courteous reply that under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania no work could be done by courtesy." We infer from his further statement that we are an exception to the general rule in that respect, as many such requests were granted.

He paid a deserved tribute to Grand Secretary WILBER P. WEBSTER for his high efficiency, fidelity and loyalty.

Florida is to have a Masonic Home. Funds to the amount of \$44,447.71 have been accumulated for that purpose, and it was voted that during 1917 "the construction and arrangement therefore, as a commencement, be on a conservative basis." Brother CHARLES A. WILSON, of Louisville, Kentucky, was a guest at this Communication and delivered an inspiring address on the value of Masonic Homes, as a logical direction for the manifestation of Masonic charity. It made a deep impression upon Grand Lodge and it was determined to make it a part of the record. From Judge WILSON's address we present the key-note of his able and forceful remarks:

"Of all our service to mankind nothing surpasses the generous nobleness of caring for the aged brother, the widow, and the little orphans of our deceased brothers—to my mind

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the crystallization of Masonic love and charity is demonstrated in these homes now distributed throughout the length and breadth of this great country. So pressing has become the needful demands for these practical homes of shelter for our aged brother, the widow and the orphan, that society does not recognize Masonry as having reached the sublime heights of its great moral, charitable and humane teachings except in those Grand Jurisdictions wherein has been provided such institutions."

Brother SILAS B. WRIGHT's sixteenth Correspondence Report is of the usual high order of ability in Masonic study and writing. His "Conclusion" treats of a number of interesting topics, in one of which he gives credence to the statement of a "prominent Masonic Lecturer" that with the settlement in Newport, Rhode Island, of fifteen Jewish families from Holland in 1658, dates the introduction "into America of the first three degrees of Masonry"—an interesting fact, if it can be verified.

Brother WRIGHT's notice of Pennsylvania (1915) laments the death of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, whom he had learned to know and admire for his "comments of appreciation and criticism" during the past sixteen years.

"Phenomenal" and "wonderful" are the words used in mention of our Elizabethtown Masonic Homes. But he does not enthuse over our attitude on "perpetual jurisdiction"; and he says: "A converse of the proposition will probably ensue, that no waivers will be granted by us." He further intimates that the rule of Pennsylvania will not deter Florida from conferring the degrees on a worthy candidate and otherwise qualified, even though he may have been rejected in a Pennsylvania Lodge; "and thus the game goes on."

APPELLES S. YORK,
WILBER P. WEBSTER,

Live Oak,
Jacksonville,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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GEORGIA—1916.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH Annual Communication, October 31, 1916, at Macon, Most Worshipful Brother N. H. BALLARD, Grand Master.

The most important question he presented for consideration concerned the Masonic Home. A proposition had been pending to dispose of the present property, select another site and build a new Home. A committee appointed by him reported against it and favored a development of the present property so as to effect a separation of old and young "inmates" and provide an industrial school for the latter. This was agreed to by Grand Lodge and measures are to be adopted to carry out that purpose and to raise a sufficient endowment fund for maintenance. We observe that Brother JOSEPH K. ORR, of Atlanta, is a conspicuous leader in the movement, which insures success; backed by his enthusiasm, energy and executive ability, it will be carried through.

The official address of the Grand Master reveals that Georgia is among the "and others" to come into conflict with Pennsylvania's rule of "perpetual jurisdiction." Two Masons were made who had been rejected in Pennsylvania Lodges and were subsequently "edicted" by our Grand Master, and Grand Master BALLARD so advised. He did not take it seriously, however, as the law of their Jurisdiction had been fully complied with, and Pennsylvania's claim was not recognized, and the edict ignored. His Grand Lodge sustained him; therefore, there are two "Masons" in Georgia who are not Masons in Pennsylvania. Should they desire some time to visit a Pennsylvania Lodge, of course they may find themselves—in the language of the street—"in again, out again."

We learn from the Grand Master's decision that the Masonic law in Georgia diverges from the civil law, in that the accused—under the latter—"may make his statement and is not subject to cross examination"; under the former he has

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not that immunity. We observe also that inability to read and write bars a candidate for Masonry. Grand Lodge reversed him in his decision that a Mason may be tried on charges based on rumor or general disrepute, without evidence of specific misconduct and overt act. The Grand Lodge undoubtedly enunciated the correct principle of justice, in or out of Masonry.

Among the many dispensations issued were a number to hold public installation of Lodge officers—a practice unknown to Pennsylvania Masonry.

Brother RAYMUND DANIEL presented his first Correspondence Report, “not as a critic, but as a chronicler.” Pennsylvania (1915) received fraternal notice and the principal features of our Proceedings reported. He was pleased with the installation address of Grand Master WATRES, a portion of which is quoted, and confers upon him the title “Most Worshipful.” No doubt he will learn that our Grand Master is “Right Worshipful”—wherein we follow the ancient English nomenclature, rather than that of most of the American Grand Lodges.

FRANK O. MILLER,	Fort Valley,	Grand Master.
FRANK F. BAKER,	Macon,	Grand Secretary.

IDAHO—1917.

FIFTIETH Annual Communication, September 11, 1917, at Boise.

Following the suggestion of Grand Master JOHN D. BLOOMFIELD, Grand Lodge pledged the sum of \$500 to the George Washington Memorial project at Alexandria, Virginia.

His reference to the war was filled with lofty patriotic sentiment and emphasized the duty of all Masons “to stand loyally and solidly behind our President and our country.” Five hundred dollars was voted to the Red Cross.

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The wheel horse of this Grand Lodge is Grand Secretary GEORGE E. KNEPPER. He is alert to advance the interests of the body. Under the head of "Sojourning Masons," we find such a fine treatment of the subject that we are tempted to quote it:

"By Sojourning Mason we mean one whose home is in one place and the lodge to which he belongs is in another. In Idaho this condition of things is far too prevalent. The excuses given are quite varied. One man retains his membership in some eastern state because the annual dues are lower; another because his lodge needs his dues; another because he was made a Mason in the lodge to which he still holds allegiance, and so on ad infinitum. The whole matter seems to rest either on expediency or mere sentiment. A man that is not worth more to his lodge than the amount of his annual dues is a Masonic 'slacker.' The lodge whose existence depends on the dues of a brother residing in a foreign jurisdiction should surrender its charter. Masonry is not sentimental. It is a brotherhood where united effort counts, where duty is incumbent on each member, where his personal influence stands for more than the mere pittance of his annual dues. One good brother Mason has been punctual in attendance at every meeting of the Boise lodges when refreshments were served for the past 28 years and yet prides himself in having his membership elsewhere. Comment in such case is superfluous.

"A Sojourning Mason becomes ill or meets with some reverses—in short is 'down and out.' The local lodge cares for him and then applies to his lodge for reimbursement. Most lodges refuse, as they ought to do. The down-and-outer should have affiliated in his place of residence."

Brother KNEPPER's Correspondence Report displays the same discriminating intelligence and knowledge of the Craft.

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Pennsylvania (1916) is given fraternal attention and the report of Grand Master WATRES freely quoted, the conclusion to which is referred to as "a literary gem." Brother KNEPPER's complimentary mention of the present writer's effort is duly appreciated.

SHERMAN M. COFFIN,	Boise,	Grand Master.
GEORGE E. KNEPPER,	Boise,	Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS—1916-1917.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, October 10, 1916, at Chicago, Grand Master RALPH H. WHEELER presiding. As the Grand Marshal placed the American flag in the East the Brethren sang "America."

In the obituary record is found the notice of the death of Past Grand Master WILLIAM HAYES SCOTT, a native of New Castle, Pa., and for years a Chaplain in the United States Army.

Apparently the Grand Master was a busy man in his profession, but believing in the value of official visitations by Grand Lodge officers, he found time to make more than one hundred visitations to Lodges in the Jurisdiction, as well as schools of instruction at various places, in which he endeavored to encourage the study of Masonic lessons and symbolism and to develop the intellectual side of the institution, enlisting the services of Brethren of superior ability and knowledge, who delivered lectures on various appropriate subjects. It is a line of work that may be followed with great profit by all Grand Masters.

He may also be emulated in encouraging the sentiment of patriotism. He initiated a ceremony "for presenting and displaying the Flag of Our Country in the East of our lodges," which was adopted by nearly all of them and met the hearty approval of the Craft.

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Grand Lodge approved his decision that when a life member has not been heard from for more than seven years, he should be considered legally dead and his name dropped from the roll of active membership. This follows the general rule of the civil law.

A memorial had been received from the Grand Lodge of Cuba for the endorsement of a Masonic Congress, to be composed of delegates of the American Grand Lodges, for the purpose of fostering and promoting the objects of Masonry, and in particular to promote universal peace among the nations. Guided by the Correspondence Committee, Grand Lodge declined to participate in, or be responsible for, the movement. Just what the declination was based on does not appear; but it was probably thought to be one of the frequent movements to agitate for a General Grand Lodge. It was rather an ambitious contract for little Cuba. She may rival Oregon where, for some years, a Grand Lodge Congress has been incubating.

Grand Lodge was moved to tears and applause when about eighty-five children from the Masonic Orphans' Home were introduced and rendered a short program. Judging from the pictures of them in the Proceedings, they are a healthy and happy lot of youngsters, which speaks volumes for the good work of the institution. The two Masonic Home properties of Illinois are appraised at \$360,497.88, exclusive of the land. At this meeting Grand Lodge appropriated \$61,000 for their maintenance for the ensuing year, and \$78,500 for improvements and equipment.

In our report of last year we noted the legal controversy between the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home and the board of education of the local school district, in which the latter claimed tuition fees for the children of the Home. The lower court sustained the school district and the Grand Lodge caused the case to be appealed. We then predicted that the

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judgment of the lower court would be reversed. We are pleased to find our prediction verified. The judgment and decision of the appellate court is published in the Proceedings, wherein it was ruled that the children are all actual residents of the school district, in the ordinary and popular meaning of that term; that they have no other home; that they have lived there for some time with the intention of remaining indefinitely and have no present intention of going elsewhere.

Report on Correspondence is by Brother CHARLES L. MARTIN. It is his first report, but exhibits a comprehensive view of the Masonic institution in its various activities. In his notice of Pennsylvania (1915) he quotes liberally from the installation address of Grand Master WATRES and predicted that he would undoubtedly "give his Grand Lodge a great administration." We are quite sure that Grand Master WATRES will not have disappointed him.

RALPH H. WHEELER,	Chicago,	Grand Master.
ISAAC CUTTER,	Camp Point,	Grand Secretary.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, October 9, 1917, at Chicago.

"The lights of the temple were dimmed and the large drop curtain raised, disclosing immense flags of the United States, flanked on one side by the Union Jack and on the other side by the tri-color of France." An American flag was presented to the Grand Master who placed it in the Grand East, while the Brethren sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

The following resolution was enthusiastically adopted and directed to be telegraphed to President Wilson:

"The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, in annual communication, recognizing that our country has been forced into war to preserve

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those ideals which are the fundamental teachings of our fraternity, hereby registers its assurance to the President of the United States, of its unqualified loyalty to the federal government, and its united support in this great struggle that righteousness may prevail in the world and its peoples safeguarded from the evils of autocratic oppression.

“Loyalty to God and to country is a dominant note in all the teachings of Freemasonry. As the representatives of the one hundred and sixty thousand members of the fraternity in Illinois, we pledge renewed fealty to our Masonic obligations which recognizes no compromise with treason.”

The President's “grateful” acknowledgment of the message is published in the Proceedings, in facsimile.

Brother FRANK O. LOWDEN, Governor of Illinois, was in Grand Lodge and made an impressive, patriotic address, from which we quote the following:

“Only this morning I see by the daily press that Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador to America, during the time when we were at peace with the country which he represented, was busily engaged in conspiring against the weal of the country whose hospitality had been offered to him with a generous hand. I could not help but think as I read those dispatches how a nation corrupts even its own citizens, that adopts for its fundamental principle that idea that it is under no moral responsibility to anyone or to any principle.

“I had the pleasure of knowing von Bernstorff, and I regarded it a pleasure then, during the years while I was living in Washington. I believed him at that time to be a man of principle and character. I now believe that if he had been born under the American Flag and lived in the atmosphere of a nation that counts its honor as sacred as a man counts his honor, he would not have been betrayed into the practices of a criminal nature which are revealed today.”

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Grand Master RALPH H. WHEELER reported that \$25,000 of Grand Lodge funds had been invested in the 3½ per cent. Liberty Bonds; and at his suggestion an additional \$25,000 was appropriated by Grand Lodge for investment in 4 per cent. Liberty Bonds. It was also voted to place \$10,000 in the hands of the Grand Master "for the benefit of Masons in the service of the government who are stationed on foreign soil"; and that a call be issued to the Lodges for a contribution of not less than one dollar per member, to be used for the same purpose.

Grand Lodge endorsed the judgment of the Grand Master that warrants for military Lodges be not granted; that there was no occasion for the general remission of the dues of Masons who enter military service; that with a view of conserving the funds of Lodges for better and worthy purposes, a limit be placed upon the expenditures for entertainments, cigars and refreshments. He found that the Chicago Lodges were spending from twenty-five to thirty per cent. of their income in such manner. The Committee on Legislation offered an amendment to the Grand Lodge Code of Laws—to be considered the following year—limiting expenditures by Lodges for refreshments and social entertainment during any year to ten per cent. of their annual gross income for such year. It also provides that the Lodges shall make returns to Grand Lodge, showing said gross income and such expenditures.

Grand Lodge had under consideration an amendment to its Code to prohibit the use of the word "Masonic" in any business enterprise, except in certain cases specified. A difference of opinion developed as to whether insurance companies should be allowed to use the word. By a two-thirds vote action on the proposed amendment was adverse to the insurance companies. Another amendment was adopted, the effect of which is to discipline Masons who "appear in public

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drinking places in their Masonic clothing." Still another adopted provides that a petition for the degrees shall not be received from persons "who are engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, either as distiller, brewer, brewery agent, wholesale liquor dealer or salesman for such dealer, saloon keeper or bartender."

Elaborate and interesting reports were made for the Masonic Homes. At the close of the year one hundred children and one hundred and twenty-four adults were in the Homes.

Correspondence Report is again by Brother CHARLES H. MARTIN, in which he well maintains the excellence of his report of the preceding year. We are sorry not to be able to devote deserving attention to it. Proceedings of Pennsylvania (1916) was quite thoroughly digested and many excerpts taken therefrom, especially from the official report of Grand Master WATRES.

Brother MARTIN made a report on the Grand Lodge of Panama, and upon his recommendation Grand Lodge withheld its recognition. It was on the grounds that "legitimacy of origin" is wanting. Illinois will not recognize a Grand Lodge that emanates from the Grand Orient of Spain or the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, its offspring.

AUSTIN H. SCROGIN,	Lexington,	Grand Master.
ISAAC CUTTER,	Camp Point,	Grand Secretary.

INDIANA—1917.

NINETY-SIXTH Annual Communication, May 22, 1917, at Indianapolis.

Preceding the opening of Grand Lodge a preliminary program of music and addresses was conducted in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple. In one of the addresses is

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found a very good estimate of the mission of Masonry, in these words:

“Brothers mine, Masonry is neither mist nor moonshine, neither mumbling ritual nor mysterious secrecy. It is rather an ordained instrument to be used for breaking shackles, opening prison doors of tyranny, tearing diadems from the brows of despots, overthrowing every throne of autocracy, and establishing liberty of body, brain and soul throughout the whole earth.

“I believe that we shall be untrue to the high and noble mission of Masonry if we refuse to exhibit our worthy and world-needed principles outside the sacred precincts of the lodge room. The red heart of Masonry is, and must be, the pulsing life of a decent and orderly civilization. It is the intangible, immaterial and indefinable something that gives beauty to a rose, inspiration to a song, grandeur to a temple, glory to a character, and enduring nobility to a nation's life.”

When Grand Lodge was opened the following ceremony was observed:

“RECEPTION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG.

“Immediately upon the declaration of the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge was opened, there was an alarm at the door and it was announced, ‘The American flag seeks admission.’ The Grand Lodge was called up and two flag bearers marched down the aisle while the Grand Lodge, led by the Masonic Quartette, sang ‘The Star Spangled Banner.’ The Colors were received by the Grand Master and placed upon the rostrum, amidst great enthusiasm.”

Following the suggestion of Grand Master HARRY B. TUTHILL, Grand Lodge authorized him to send to the President this message:

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"To the President:

"The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana in annual session representing seventy-eight thousand Masons directs me to inform you that they stand by you and behind you in paying the price for a lasting and honorable peace.

"If it takes the treasure of our nation, and the red blood of our young men; if it causes the fathers to mourn and the mother hearts of our country to wait in vain for the return of her stalwart sons: so be it. Our obligation is supreme. Our sense of duty shall be greater even than our consciousness of obligation. When we fight this war we fight for God; fighting for God we fight for country; fighting for country we fight for civilization; fighting for civilization we fight for our wives, our children, our brethren."

The Masonic Home at Franklin was dedicated and opened October 21, 1916. There appears to have been expended in the property about \$275,000. The first year the Home accommodated seventy residents, of whom fifty-three were adults of the average age of seventy-nine years and two months. The Brethren of Indiana are very enthusiastic over the success of the enterprise and are determined to extend its efficiency in the fullest manner possible.

Grand Lodge looked with favor upon the Washington Memorial Association and appropriated \$1,000 to its funds, besides commending it to future sessions for "such further contributions as in their judgment may be wise and prudent."

It was voted, as a patriotic duty, to subscribe not less than \$1,000 for Liberty Bonds and to recommend to every Lodge in the Jurisdiction similar action, according to its ability. Many sentiments of patriotism and loyalty to our country found expression at this session of Grand Lodge. A notable address was made by Past Grand Master MARTIN A. MORRISON

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on "The Grand Lodge and the Flag," from which we take the following:

"The flag of our country is recognized by the laws of the land, and by those same laws its dishonor or desecration is denounced as a crime. Every duty of the citizen in peace or war, to his state, to his Nation and to the flag we love, is defined by the law of the land, and to disobey the law is an offense against the principles of Masonry. That Masonry inculcates love of country, patriotic devotion to the flag and unfaltering service to the Republic in every hour of its need, is made manifest by the unmistakable language of its doctrines as handed down from generation to generation."

ELBA L. BRANIGIN,	Franklin,	Grand Master.
CALVIN W. PRATHER,	Indianapolis,	Grand Secretary.

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SEVENTY-FOURTH Annual Communication, June 12, 1917, at Waterloo.

At a public meeting preceding the opening of Grand Lodge a real patriotic thriller was staged—"The Reception of the Flags." The British, French and American flags were severally presented by a girl dressed in the white nurse's uniform of the Red Cross, as the national anthem of each nation was sung. As each flag was introduced, Past Grand Master LOUIS BLOCK received it with an eloquent tribute to the national ideals it represents. In receiving the French flag he said—among other things:

"This, my brethren, is the tri-color, the tried colors of the sunny land of France. It is the flag of our sister republic, the standard of a great, cheery, laughing, sunny-souled, and happy-hearted people, and if there is a flag on the face of the

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earth to which the American soul is irresistibly drawn with a tingling thrill, it is this beautiful banner of France. How well our own song of the Red, White, and Blue would fit this fine flag. Let us give three cheers for this Red, White, and Blue!"

Whereupon the great audience arose and roared out a cheer that seemed to rock the building on its foundations.

The report of the scene would not be complete without presenting Brother Block's reference to the German flag. He is a man of German blood and furnishes a striking example of hundreds of thousands of such American citizens who have got the right perspective of the present war, whose American patriotism is not diluted by the memory and ties of the fatherland and who commiserate the innocent people of their ancestral land as the unfortunate victims of a military autocracy. This is what he said:

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" But there is another banner which is not here with us today, a flag which for the present at least we are forced to shut out of our sacred circle. I speak of it with pain and regret, with heart-ache and with a great sense of deep pity, for it is the flag of my ancestors, and my own father's ashes now lie buried beneath the soil over which it waves. It is needless to say that I speak of the German flag. This flag once flew over the heads of a great people, a people that stood high in the ranks of world achievement, a people who were masters of the world, both in medicine and in music, a people who love liberty, a people who produced Martin Luther, who was the foremost champion of religious liberty in the world. There is one curious thing about the colors of these flags which I am not sure that you have noticed. Is it by mere chance that it happens that the colors of all of the flags of freedom are red, white, and blue, while those of the banner

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of Prussian despotism are red, white, and *black*. Was it a matter of mere accident that this dark streak and sinister stripe appears in this flag which now stands for the outlaw among the nations? Is not this dark stripe symbolical of the darkness of the mind, the military madness that holds a great people in bonds and is fast driving it on to ruin? Surely the black must be a symbol of the madness of militarism.

“When a storm gathers in the heavens black clouds shut out from sight the face of the sun. But when the rage and madness of the elements have worn themselves out and the roll of the thunder has died away in the distance, then slowly but surely the blackness fades to blue and the earth is bright and happy once more. Let us hope that so it will be in this awful world war and that, when the storm of rage and madness has been swept from out the hearts of our German brethren, the blackness which now blinds their sight will clear away and be supplanted by the pure blue of the unclouded sky of freedom, and that peace and happiness will once more prevail among all the peoples of the earth.”

Brother BLOCK concluded his eloquent remarks with a glowing tribute to “the unseen flag of the Fraternity” which shall ever float over the temple of human liberty, over whose portals we shall read in letters of living light the words: “Liberty and union, freedom and fraternity, now and forever, one and inseparable, world without end.”

We learn from the official address of Grand Master THOMAS ARTHUR that under the rulings of the Supreme Court of Iowa, real estate held by Masonic bodies and used exclusively for their purposes and not for profit, is exempt from taxation.

The Grand Master gave his opinion that a Lodge may maintain a club-room wherein they may hold their social events, so long as it does not seriously and materially interfere with the good of Masonry and its proper administration.

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He doubted the propriety, however, of dance events styled and advertised as "Masonic Dances"; that the use of the word "Masonic" in such connection is distasteful to Masons generally. Grand Lodge approved his remarks on the subject.

Brother NEWTON R. PARVIN, Grand Secretary and also Grand Librarian, reported the growth of the Library for the year as greater than any other in its history. This is his special pride, and it appears to be his ambition to develop it into one of the notable Masonic libraries in the United States, not only as a collection of valuable Masonic literature, but as an instrumentality for the promotion of Masonic education and study among the members of the Craft, in which the Grand Lodge of Iowa has taken a prominent lead. Brother PARVIN is looking forward to the end of the war when, he believes, opportunities will be presented to secure some choice works not heretofore available. He knows the treasures to be sought and has the foresight to go after them when the time comes. Undoubtedly Pennsylvania will also be on the quest, and it may be that our Library Committee and Brother PARVIN may join forces in the venture.

The success of Iowa's efforts for Masonic education and study is more and more evident. From the report of the Committee on Masonic Research we clip the following:

"Your committee is impressed with the fact that a great Masonic awakening is taking place. Never before have brethren been so active in the line of Masonic education as is evidenced by the number of study clubs formed in different parts of the state; by the fact that Masters have of their own motion prepared and delivered addresses to their own lodges; by the fact that lodges have set aside certain meetings for the discussion of Masonic topics, and by many other lines of Masonic activity. In some lodges this year Masters have delivered addresses on the night of their installation, in which their outline of work for the ensuing year included plans for

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Masonic study and research work, and others on surrendering the gavel to their successors have reviewed the progress made. In some cities Masonic books have been placed in the city library and a list of these books posted in the ante-room of the Masonic lodges.”

Dispensation of Masonic charity in the Jurisdiction is displayed in an elaborate report to Grand Lodge by the Trustees, which shows very systematic methods and efficient management. Total charity funds on hand June 1, 1917, amounted to \$48,919.10. Ninety-six cases of assistance were reported, involving about 250 individuals; amount disbursed was \$17,324.43.

Appropriations made at this Communication totalled \$44,376.36. Among the items is one of \$5,000 for the purchase of Liberty Bonds.

Grand Lodge was not quite ready to dispose of a pending amendment to the Constitution, the purpose of which is to modify the rule on physical qualifications of candidates for the degrees; and it was put over for another year. We assume that whatever the final action, it will be the deliberate and best judgment of ripe experience and for the highest interests of the Craft in the Jurisdiction. It is at present in the hands of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which is composed of all the Past Grand Masters, which is a guaranty that nothing will be left to impulse or sentiment, and that the science and traditions of Freemasonry will have due respect and consideration. If we were to hazard a guess on the final result, it would be in favor of conservatism—but you can never tell, especially with such an influential leader as Brother BLOCK among the “Progressives.”

We deem it unfortunate to the enlightenment of our readers that, for reasons of economy, we may not present, *in extenso*, the thoughts of Brother BLOCK concerning the war, as set forth in his Correspondence Report. His justification for

our entry into the war is based on "Freedom and Fraternity"; that "insofar as we of America are concerned, this is a war against war; it is a war waged to wipe the war-lords from off the face of the earth." Then he brings the situation to us as Masons:

"Now, then, if you ask 'what concern have we as Masons in all of this?' I hasten to reply: 'Simply and solely the concern which is inevitably that of a great institution which has as the very reason for its existence the promotion of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.' Either Masonry stands for the Brotherhood of Man or it stands for nothing. The best efforts of the best years of the lives of its leaders have been devoted to the building within the souls of men of the great temple of human brotherhood. When we think of the terrible destructive effect this awful war may have upon the noble structure we have so persistently, so patiently reared within the midst of the years, our concern is great indeed. To see our magnificent material edifices ground to dust is a thing which could still be endured. But to witness the destruction of our mystic temple—so high, holy, and divine—our sacred 'house not made with hands,' but built of heart-ache, soul-suffering, and the high yearnings of the spirit—this, this were a tragedy indeed; a calamity, nay a catastrophe, awful to contemplate.

"Wherefore it is as Masons that we should take especial interest in this world-war, for no matter with what reason it was originally begun, it has now become a war of democracy against aristocracy and autocracy."

Brother BLOCK is very generous in space and substance with his review of Pennsylvania (1916)—nearly ten pages. Apparently he has not yet been restricted by war prices for paper and printing. He makes special mention of our Proceedings for its fine large type, the binding and general make-up, which he says "are of the best."

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That he is skilled in reading a portrait is shown in the following:

"The present publication is prefaced by one of the best steel engravings it has been our pleasure to look upon for a long, long time. It sets forth in a very lifelike way the forceful features of Grand Master Louis A. Watres. Theodore Roosevelt himself could not be possessed of more energy than radiates from this strong face. It is a countenance that suggests leadership in every line."

The "magnificent address" of Grand Master WATRES is freely quoted, with the regret that space did not permit "publishing this splendid report entire."

His welcome of the writer into the circle of Correspondents is flattering, and helps to put us at ease in the company of the Masonic writers with whom he stands among the foremost. If we stick to it long enough, and observe his example carefully, perhaps we may really manage to deserve his commendation.

JOHN W. BARRY,	Cedar Rapids,	Grand Master.
NEWTON R. PARVIN,	Cedar Rapids,	Grand Secretary.

IRELAND—1916.

STATED Communication, December 27, 1916, at Dublin.

The pamphlet before us is devoted to an address to Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master, and a report from the Deputy Grand Secretary. The Grand Master, the EARL OF DONOUGHMORE, was not present in Grand Lodge, owing to his Red Cross work in France.

Indignation was aroused in the Fraternity by a law enacted by Parliament which prohibited the Royal Irish Constabulary and other police officers from joining the

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Masons. On the surface it appeared to be a measure in behalf of law and order in Ireland, so disturbed by the Sinn Fein and other secret political organizations; and to minimize the influence of such organizations upon the police force, the law was passed forbidding them to join "any secret society." The Grand Master wrote a determined protest to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, setting forth that the Masonic organization is entirely free from any political activity; that it is purely a benevolent, charitable and social society; and that it should not be subject to such a civil law. Grand Lodge endorsed the protest, but it was not heeded by the civil authorities, on the grounds that no discrimination could be made in favor of the Masons. The Deputy Grand Master intimated in his address to Grand Lodge that the real motive behind the law was sectarian and it was instigated and "intended as the thin end of the wedge for the purpose of undermining and preventing the development of Freemasonry in Ireland." If that be true our Irish Brethren may be depended upon to thwart it, for no body of Masons in the world are more vigilant than they to protect the interests of the Craft, and more zealous to carry on its legitimate purposes.

It is evident that the Masons of Ireland are loyal to England in the war. Besides the Grand Master and Provincial Grand Masters, there is hardly a Lodge in Ireland whose eligible members are not engaged, to a very large extent, in the military service of their country. Funds are accumulating for the relief of war sufferers, to which a contribution of \$500 from the War Relief Association of the U. S. A. was acknowledged. Disbursements for the usual charities for the year exceeded \$1,800.

Brother HENRY F. BERRY, Litt.D., presented an appropriate tribute to the memory of the late Brother WILLIAM JOHN CHETWODE CRAWLEY, Grand Treasurer of the Grand

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Lodge, prominent in the Masonic world for his learning and depth of research into the history and progress of the Fraternity. His contributions to Masonic literature, his clear and convincing judgment, his grasp of essential facts and his unexcelled power of expression made him a great light in Masonry.

It is interesting to note the growth of Masonry in Ireland, especially in and about Dublin, where there are now fifty-four Lodges. In Dublin there is a magnificent Masonic Temple, rapidly becoming inadequate to meet the demands of increasing numbers. While the population of Ireland has shown a marked decrease, due to emigration, the Fraternity has steadily increased. The membership has been maintained notwithstanding depletions caused by the war, and the revenues of the Grand Lodge greatly exceed the expenditures.

THE EARL OF DONOUGHMORE,	Dublin, Grand Master.
H. E. FLAVELLE,	Dublin, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS—1917.

SIXTY-FIRST Annual Communication, February 2, 1917, at Wichita.

Grand Master GILES H. LAMB had a high conception of the ethics of his Masonic position and believed that it should be removed as far as possible from any appearance of using it for political preferment. Therefore, he declined the nomination for a political office which he had long cherished an ambition to hold. Perhaps he was over-nice in his attitude in the premises, but he is certainly entitled to credit for a determination to be "above suspicion." What political office he aspired to hold was not specified; but he said he would "rather be Grand Master of Masons in Kansas, honored,

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trusted and loved by this great brotherhood, than to hold the office of Congressman, Senator or Governor for the same length of time." It is a high appreciation of the honor and importance of the station of Grand Master, which, we fear, is not universal.

He was quite impressive in describing the destruction of the Masonic Home at Wichita, by fire, at which two aged couples and one of the employes lost their lives, and resulted in a property loss, to replace which it cost \$260,000, and for which \$82,250 insurance was collected. The fire occurred in the very early morning hours of December 22, 1915, in zero weather, originating in the furnace room. The people of Wichita gave temporary refuge to the Home residents; and it should be mentioned that none were more solicitous for them than the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese and the Sisters of Catholic institutions, whose tenders of assistance were gratefully acknowledged. Work was begun at once upon temporary buildings at the Home and plans adopted to secure the necessary funds to restore the Home to its former and future usefulness. It was a distressing event to our Kansas Brethren, but they evinced magnificent courage and vindicated their belief in the value of that form of Masonic charity.

The Grand Master displayed commendable energy in suppressing so-called rituals purporting to give Kansas degree work. It was found that the secretary of one Lodge was selling them to the members and in others they were "furnished to candidates to post up on." Many of the spurious books were seized and destroyed and notice served that further disregard of the law in such case provided would be followed by the severest discipline.

He is also to be commended for refusing dispensations to "railroad" candidates who apparently look upon the Lodge as a stepping-stone to other bodies. This is what he said:

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“ I have refused to grant dispensations in the following cases :

“ To reduce the time for taking the degrees in order to hasten the time when a candidate could join some other masonic body. While I hold in great esteem the other masonic bodies and honor them for the excellent lessons they teach and the exalted work they are doing, yet I do not think it proper to hold lightly the wise provision that requires four weeks' time to elapse between the conferring of the degrees or to encourage the idea of taking these degrees simply for the purpose of getting the others, and except in cases when the candidate was leaving the jurisdiction of his lodge to be gone a considerable length of time I have not permitted the time to be shortened.”

The second day's session of Grand Lodge being on February 22d, reference was made to GEORGE WASHINGTON, the Mason, and the Brethren arose and sang “America.” As a coincidence, the Grand Master announced that it was also his birthday.

In his Correspondence Report, under Pennsylvania (1915), Brother MATTHEW M. MILLER mentions the death of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON with a high tribute to his Masonic learning and zeal, and says :

“ Nothing written or spoken could more adequately give expression to the irretrievable loss sustained by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania than is given by the absence from its pages of its chief and most highly interesting annual contribution heretofore made to the Craft by W. Bro. JAMES M. LAMBERTON, its distinguished writer of the Reports on Correspondence.”

CHARLES E. LOBDELL,
ALBERT K. WILSON,

Topeka,
Topeka,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH Annual Communication, October 17, 1916, at Louisville, THOMAS JEFFERSON ADAMS, Grand Master.

In his official address the Grand Master expressed the hope that the Masonic Fraternity might be instrumental in effectuating universal peace among the nations, and suggested that "a meeting of Grand Masters of our own land, and of the world if possible, might become a mighty influence" in that direction. In view of subsequent world events—especially the causes which have led our own country into the war—how futile and iridescent do such dreams appear to be! As Masons, with a conscious knowledge of the purposes and pretensions of our institution, we cannot but believe that if it were possible to bring them to bear upon human society—even in our own ranks—such an end might possibly be accomplished. But like all other social and moral agencies, we are simply overwhelmed by the awful tide of disorganization that is sweeping the world, we know not where; and more and more is the conclusion forced upon us that this is a problem for the Great Architect to solve, and that human beings are only instruments in His hands to rebuild the social structure on higher levels of morality and virtue.

Masonically, the Grand Master appears to have been the busiest man in Kentucky. Pages of dispensations and action on the same were reported; visitations innumerable were made to the Lodges; and seventy-seven questions of law and regulations adjudicated, practically all of which were determined to the satisfaction and approval of the Jurisprudence Committee and Grand Lodge. He was warmly commended for his "untiring energy" and his "greatness of brain and goodness of heart" with which he pursued the duties of his exalted station. At the same time he was administering the

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affairs of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home as its Superintendent.

It frequently occurs to the thoughtful leaders in Grand Lodges that too much valuable time is consumed in the election of Junior Grand Warden; that there is too much unseemly electioneering for the office; and that the attention of the members is thereby diverted from the serious consideration of other important matters pending. A Past Grand Master of Kentucky represented these and other facts relating thereto, and proposed that geographical considerations should govern the choice of Junior Grand Warden, and that the Jurisdiction be districted and the Lodges in each district, not represented in Grand Lodge offices, should meet and agree upon candidates to be presented. The scheme was somewhat visionary and suffered a sudden and ignominious death at the hands of Grand Lodge. Some one raised the point that it "took on the nature of electioneering," and was therefore unlawful. The point was sustained and the proposition "thrown among the rubbish."

Grand Lodge voted to sell the Masonic Temple at Louisville, as an unprofitable investment. Besides Masonic uses the property was occupied for offices, stores and a theatre; and the balance between the rentals and operating expenses was on the wrong side of the ledger. Grand Lodge appeared to have an equity in the property to the amount of \$144,000.

A note of comedy appears in the report of the Finance Committee. Under the law a Lodge is fined for not making its returns on time. The Secretary of such a Lodge sent his check for the fine with a letter in which he said: "Of course, everybody understands this law imposing fines on Lodges, of \$5 for not making returns on time. It is not so much a punishment for the delinquent as it is a profit for some one. All there is in Masonry now is money. Don't want the Grand Lodge to do anything for me. I want to pay the fiddler." As

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Grand Lodge took no further notice of the matter, we wonder why it was allowed to appear in the record, unless it was to be followed by proceedings to oust such a specimen of a Mason from his official station, as one likely to seek opportunities for profit to himself. His estimate of Masonry is a poor recommendation for an officer of a Lodge.

Past Grand Master WILLIAM W. CLARKE included Pennsylvania (1915) in his Correspondence Report and quoted Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS in full on "perpetual jurisdiction," with the following comment:

"It is to be regretted that a great jurisdiction finds it necessary to so isolate itself; at the same time, the principle declared in the summing up is, without question, the true principle, and is what Kentucky has always contended for. There can be no difficulty in determining whether the *party* is within the geographical limits of a Grand Lodge; but just what is meant by the subject-matter so being, we are not clear. However, as the Grand Master holds that each Grand Lodge 'is a court of competent jurisdiction,' its decisions are not reviewable by another court, and, therefore, must be binding on all. Some twenty or more years ago, when discussing in these reports the doctrine of 'perpetual jurisdiction,' we formulated this maxim: 'That which is legally done, where done, is legal everywhere.' We are glad to find the Grand Master of Pennsylvania upholding it in principle."

He also reprints generous excerpts from the installation address of Grand Master WATRES "with the strongest possible approval."

JAMES N. SAUNDERS,
DAVE JACKSON,

Seanford,
Louisville,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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LOUISIANA—1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH Annual Communication, February 5, 1917, at New Orleans.

Grand Master B. B. PURSER referred to Freemasonry as the "social mordant" of American life; "to it, and largely to it, we are indebted for juster laws, better schools, happier homes, greater security of social order, than can be found in any other land." If that is true, how little do some of us appreciate the advantages and possibilities of our Fraternity! It is not easy to measure the influences that have molded American life, to say that this or that moral achievement is due to Masonry, but that it has been of incalculable value in the moral uplift of men who have come under its influence, and through them radiated to the body politic, may be fairly claimed.

Brother PURSER did not choose diplomatic language in deprecating the motives with which some men seek the doors of Masonry. This is refreshingly direct:

"There was a time when the deep significance of its ceremonies, coming down, as they have, from the dim past, were wonderfully attractive because they taught us not alone the customs of man when he was struggling out of animalism, but they showed us how these customs and ceremonies had been preserved through the ages. But it has begun to appear that the show of tinsel and brass, and the blare of trumpet and newspaper notoriety, public parades, garbed in fantastic and gaudy costumes, have become the centre of attraction, and the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason is about to become, in the minds of the thoughtless and the profane, nothing more nor less than a 'door mat' spread before the portals of appendant degrees and organizations.

"And the question is asked not, how useful may I become

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to humanity when I become a Master Mason, but how long will it take me to become a 'Shriner'?"

Brother GEORGE SOULE, of New Orleans, addressed Grand Lodge in an able and elaborate oration in which he argued that in the interest of progress Masonry should consent to certain revision and changes of its rituals and practices "to keep step with the spirit of the age." After listening patiently to his heresies (!), appreciation of the address was expressed by a rising vote (apparently a tribute to the speaker's popularity and talents), but it went on record that Grand Lodge was not "voicing its approval or disapproval of all of the sentiments expressed by the speaker." Rather an ambiguous attitude, that should have caused the said speaker to smile!

Grand Lodge voted to recognize the Supreme Council of Central America, A. & A. S. R. "as a legitimate governing body and possessed of exclusive sovereignty at the present time within the State of Honduras," but with the reservation, however, that there is not to be "interchange of Representatives." Just what force and effect such recognition has we do not venture to guess.

The Grand Master made a plea for the resumption of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, notwithstanding that it continues to ignore the Bible as necessary on the Lodge altars. Brother DUNCAN, of the Correspondence Committee, was not quite ready to acquiesce in the proposal, and it went over for future consideration.

Brother DUNCAN's Correspondence Report includes a notice of Pennsylvania (1915) devoted entirely to the installation address of Grand Master WATRÈS, which he quotes at length.

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG,	Welsh,	Grand Master.
JOHN A. DAVILLA,	New Orleans,	Grand Secretary.

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NINETY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, May 1, 1917, at Portland.

Grand Master WALDO PETTENGILL referred to the entry of the United States into the war and said that “we all, as loyal citizens of our country and in accordance with the solemn obligations taken at our altars, are bound by duty and manhood to use our best energies, physical, material and mental, to assist in every possible way our President and his advisers in this day of National trial; and may God bless our efforts.”

He directed attention to the long and faithful service of Grand Secretary STEPHEN BERRY, who had filled that office for more than sixty years—probably the longest period of service of any one in Masonic history. Grand Lodge adopted resolutions of appreciation of Brother BERRY and elected him Grand Secretary Emeritus, *ad vitam*, at the salary provided for the office.

Grand Lodge voted to become a member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and appropriated \$500 to its funds.

Grand Lodge Charity Fund totalled \$76,532.82; paid to beneficiaries during the year, \$2,196.

Brother ALBRO E. CHASE is again the author of the Report on Correspondence, which is one of the best. Pennsylvania (1916) is given due attention, and some of the good things in the report of Grand Master WATRES quoted. The thanks of the undersigned are due to Brother CHASE for his notice of our first effort as a Masonic reporter and his welcome to the circle of which he is an honored and experienced member. Brother CHASE is also Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

WALDO PETTENGILL,
CHARLES B. DAVIS,

Rumford,
Portland,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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MANITOBA—1917.

FORTY-SECOND Annual Communication, June 13, 1917,
at Winnipeg.

Grand Master HENRY E. BLETCHER paid a glowing tribute to the fifty-one members of their Grand Lodge who, during the year past, yielded their lives for their country and thus “vindicated the principles of Masonry.”

“Heroes of democracy, citizen soldiers, many of whom had never used a rifle three years ago, they have stormed the strongholds of a military race, carried the flag of Canada to the objective their leaders set them, and shown that they could die nobly in a great cause.

“To us it remains, first, to fill the gaps in the ranks which they have left, that their sacrifices may not be in vain; secondly, to see in after years that the principles they fought for shall be maintained, and that no more petty autocrats, or military caste, either in our own or any other country, shall have the power again to bleed the nations and prepare for war.”

The Grand Master's address contains an able discussion on the relation of Masonry to the public, from which the following is taken:

“Not all our members realize the exceedingly powerful social possibilities of our fraternity, and for a fuller recognition of the fact we have to look abroad to those countries where the right of assembly is denied the people, or is rigidly controlled by an inexorable police acting under a despotic central authority. We are accustomed to meet under conditions chosen by ourselves, for the exclusive management of our own affairs. Our customary demeanor vindicates our

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claim to be peaceful citizens. Exactly the same thing can be said of scores of other societies meeting as we do, and having similar objects. There is no greater democratic force to-day, in English-speaking countries, than these so-called secret societies, which are not secret in their aims and membership and consequently are in no sense secret societies. Their only secrecy consists in the necessary restriction of the right of attendance at meetings to those entitled to take part in the business. We bar out intruders by a password and the same thing is done at every military camp."

The condition of the Fraternity in the Jurisdiction was reported to be satisfactory as to membership, administration and finances. The charity fund is called the "Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund." This now amounts to \$38,000, and it is designed to increase it to \$100,000 by an appeal for voluntary contributions. During the year various sums—aggregating about \$2,500—were disbursed for war purposes, such as the Red Cross, Belgian and Serbian relief, ambulance, etc.

A Report on Correspondence by Brother PERCY E. KELLETT is found in the body of the record, which gives passing notice to various Grand Lodge Proceedings, and concludes with recommendations for the fraternal recognition of a number of foreign Grand Lodges, among them the Grand Orient of France. He was quite pronounced in his opinion that that body was misunderstood and misjudged by American Freemasonry and that it deserved more favorable consideration. His Grand Lodge did not agree with him, however, and refused to concur.

PERCY E. KELLETT,
JAMES A. OVAS,

Winnipeg,
Winnipeg,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

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MARYLAND—1916.

At the Semi-annual Communication of May 9, 1916, Grand Lodge adopted resolutions of sympathy for Grand Master THOMAS J. SHRYOCK upon his supreme loss in the death of his wife, which occurred during the year.

At the Annual Communication, held November 21, 1916, at Baltimore, Brother SHRYOCK was re-elected Grand Master for the thirty-second successive year—an exceptional record of continuous service in that office and without a parallel in American Masonry.

The meeting was largely devoted to reports of officers and committees. The finances of Grand Lodge are in such good shape that it was agreed to reduce the per capita tax on the members of Lodges. It was also voted to investigate the advisability of establishing an Employment Bureau for Master Masons and those dependent upon them; and \$1,000 was appropriated for that purpose.

The Correspondence Report of Brother HENRY BRANCH contains a notice of Pennsylvania (1915) in which he quotes at length from the installation address of Grand Master WATRES and says: "A grand Grand Master, this."

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK,	Baltimore,	Grand Master.
GEORGE COOK,	Baltimore,	Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS—1916.

QUARTERLY Communications, March 8th, September 13th, and December 13th, 1916; and Stated Communication, December 27th, 1916, being the 183d anniversary.

It is impossible, in the limited space and time at our command, to give adequate notice to the ponderous volume (more than one thousand pages) of Proceedings before us. Parts of it are valuable contributions to Masonic literature by men of brilliant attainments and profound learning in the

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science of Masonry. One of them is an exhaustive article on Masonic Jurisprudence, by Right Worshipful Brother ROSCOE POUND, LL.D.; another is by Worshipful Brother R. PERRY BUSH, D.D., entitled "The Ancient Mysteries." Still another appears in an official address of Grand Master MELVIN M. JOHNSON, on "Freemasonry in America Prior to 1750." The last mentioned is of special interest to Pennsylvania Masons for its frequent reference to the history of the Fraternity in Pennsylvania, although not exhaustive of that part of the subject. Among the authorities cited is our Brother SACHSE'S "Old Masonic Lodges of Pennsylvania."

Of general interest is the reported installation, at Valparaiso, of a District Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the District Grand Lodge of the Republic of Chile. The ceremony was conducted by the District Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England for the District of South America, Southern Division, and with the acquiescence of the Grand Orient of Chile. Apparently this opens a field of American Masonic operation in Chile. It is also recorded that Grand Lodge granted a charter for an Army Lodge at Empire, Canal Zone.

Massachusetts had, at last available report, 72,499 affiliated Masons. Besides the two hundred and fifty-two Lodges in the State, there are four Lodges in China, three in Chile and three in the Canal Zone, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master congratulated Grand Lodge upon the results of their dispensation of charity. Expenditures for the year, "in all directions," amounted to \$25,003.05, in addition to the sum of \$37,760.95 by the Lodges. The Masonic Home closed the year with fifty-two residents; the per capita cost of maintenance for the year was \$385.91, a little less than the previous year. The Masonic Employment Bureau furnished work for 106 applicants.

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Grand Lodge voted to give Masonic recognition to the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

We have above referred to the Grand Master's article on "Freemasonry in America Prior to 1750." Evidently one of its objects was in further support of the claim of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge as the first in existence in America. The controversy between Pennsylvania and Massachusetts is an old story, has been pretty well threshed out and no doubt has become tiresome to disinterested readers; but apparently our Massachusetts Brethren believe there is virtue in having the last word. They are quite impatient and intolerant of any claimant of Pennsylvania's precedence. Evidence on the issue in our behalf is contemptuously waived aside as immaterial, irrelevant and impertinent; and when some document is produced that cannot be thus disposed of, it is called a fiction or a forgery.

In his treatment of the question Grand Master JOHNSON confesses "to bias in favor of the position of Massachusetts, but have nevertheless tried to be accurate and fair toward all other jurisdictions (meaning Pennsylvania) and to view all matters dispassionately and judicially." We concede the occasion for bias; we also waive the apparent inconsistency between bias and a judicial treatment of the issue; and we acquit him of being passionate, so far as his language is concerned. But the same may not be said of another conspicuous advocate and partisan of Massachusetts; and this is what we are leading to.

He is a Past Grand Master whose name indicates that he is of that race which dearly loves a fight, and hesitates not at offensive language to bring it on. He, too, appeared in the ring and flung a challenge at Pennsylvania in words that are not usually current among Brother Masons. Addressing his Grand Lodge, he spoke of the "demolition" of the documentary evidence produced by "the present librarian,

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Brother SACHSE, and that other Brother, MACCALLA, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania"; of their "stupid forgery"; of "flimsy attempts," and "valiant and violent assumptions," "by those who are not historians, who are trying to make artificial history." He then, out of "regard for historical accuracy and truth and my pride in our Grand Lodge and its traditions," expressed his contempt for "the misleading statements studiously published from unreliable sources such as we must call the present Masonic Library in Philadelphia." Finally, in an outburst of commiseration he said: "I have only compassion and sympathy for the Grand Masters of that Jurisdiction who, apparently knowing no better, take the statements of their librarian as facts and allow publication to be made bearing the imprint of their names as Grand Masters. Some have done it who ought to know better."

We make the above citations in support of our reference to the jealous intolerance of Massachusetts of any who dares dispute their claim to priority. It is an obsession that conduces to mental astigmatism. Such a counsellor as the Past Grand Master referred to—he is one of the chief among them—is unsafe to follow. Abuse seldom wins the favor of a jury.

This writer holds no brief for the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania; their intelligence and character need no defence. "That other Brother, MacCalla," is dead; but his fame as a wise and accomplished Freemason, his integrity and intellectual attainments are safe from carping criticism. Neither are we commissioned to take up the gauntlet for our Librarian, Brother SACHSE; he can take care of himself when occasion requires. As to the aspersions cast upon our Masonic Library, it only need be said that it is the envy of the Masonic world; and he who would attempt to discredit it only brings discredit upon himself.

The issue of priority between Pennsylvania and Massachusetts for the present must remain where it is—a matter of

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controversy between the claimants. Were it practicable to submit it to a competent and impartial tribunal, we are confident that the claim of Pennsylvania would be sustained, for we believe it is founded upon genuine and conclusive documentary evidence contained in our Grand Lodge archives. DR. W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, the late Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, was no doubt the greatest authority on early Freemasonry—indeed, on Masonic history generally (our apologies to the Oracles of Masonic history of Massachusetts!)—and he unreservedly declared that the claims made by Pennsylvania Masons for priority in the formation of their Grand Lodge are adequately sustained. Of course, we do not expect our Massachusetts Brethren to agree with DR. CRAWLEY, or even to concede his superior judgment—and there you are!

LEON MARTIN ABBOTT, Brookline, Grand Master.
FREDERICK W. HAMILTON, Cambridge, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN—1917.

SEVENTY-THIRD Annual Communication, May 22, 1917,
at Lansing.

Grand Master JOHN H. HAWKS opened his official address with a note of patriotic sentiment, saying that the present national crisis must not be underestimated, “when the principles for which our fathers died are menaced by the calculating and remorseless use of every destructive weapon that the genius of man has devised”; that the world needs the conservatism and steadying influence of Freemasonry; that “Masonry must not and will not play the coward’s part”; that “without hate we will stand true to the colors made glorious by the sacrifices of our fathers.” At his suggestion Grand Lodge appropriated \$2,500 to the Red Cross and directed that funds of the body to the amount of \$10,000 be

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invested in Liberty Bonds. It was also voted that the flag of the United States be displayed by every Lodge during its sessions. Further, it was agreed that the Lodges remit the dues of all members who enter the military service, and that the Grand Master be authorized to extend such aid to any soldier or his dependents that seems expedient when it appears that the local Lodge cannot do so. This is quite a complete patriotic program and furnishes an example of patriotism and loyalty which all Grand Lodges may, and no doubt will, emulate.

The Masonic Home appears to be in a flourishing condition and, therefore, doing good work for the eighty-three residents. The total expense of operation and maintenance for the year was \$39,785.79. Of this amount \$8,229.77 was for "table supplies," and \$8,691.22 for salaries of employees. The first of these items shows an average of about nine and one-third cents per meal. Every article of food is of the best quality and the residents are encouraged to have all they want. With the high prices of foodstuffs the utmost economy is practised, and "plate waste" is reduced to a minimum.

A Past Master of a Lodge was charged with manipulating a ballot box which prevented the casting of black balls. He pleaded guilty, with extenuating circumstances, and was sentenced to receive a reprimand in Grand Lodge. He was called before the altar, and a scathing and humiliating reprimand was administered by the Deputy Grand Master, in which he was told that he "had been weighed in the balance and found wanting," and dismissed "with the earnest hope in the heart of every one present that you will sin no more." Such procedure is not common; but it must have furnished an impressive scene and a striking example to others, more effective than the expulsion of the offender by his Lodge. Such offenses are not unknown to many Lodges—even among officers—and it is doubtful that a better plan of discipline to

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break up the practice could be adopted, than that chosen by the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Conforming to the law of the Jurisdiction, Grand Secretary LOU B. WINSOR prepared his Correspondence Report without "opinion" or criticism of the doings of any other Grand Lodge. It is full of interest, just the same. Pennsylvania (1916) receives extended notice and Grand Master WATRES freely quoted, both on administrative matters and the great purposes of Masonry which he so impressively set forth.

Brother WINSOR enlightens us on the methods of Michigan in transferring membership from one Lodge to another. In order that there may be no hiatus in affiliation, a Master Mason may apply for membership in another Lodge while remaining a member of his present Lodge. When accepted by the former his membership ceases in the latter. But if he unconditionally withdraws from his Lodge and subsequently desires to affiliate, he may not apply to another Lodge, but must first seek re-admission to the Lodge from which he withdrew. The purpose is evidently to discourage non-affiliation by those who wish to enjoy certain privileges and associations while not contributing to the support of the organization. The theory is all right, but we can see where the practice may sometimes work inconvenience, if not undue embarrassment, to a worthy Mason.

LOUIS H. FEAD,	Newberry,	Grand Master.
LOU B. WINSOR,	Reed City,	Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—1917.

SIXTY-FOURTH Annual Communication, January 17, 1917, at St. Paul, Grand Master Rev. ALFRED G. PINKHAM officiating. In his official address he gave an earnest endorsement to the George Washington Memorial project, and at his

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suggestion Grand Lodge pledged the sum of \$500, to be paid in five annual installments, none of it, however, to be paid until "actual operation has begun." No doubt the money will be forthcoming when it is needed.

He was asked if a deceased Master Mason, in good standing at his death and then in the saloon business, could be given a Masonic burial. He decided in the affirmative, declaring that as the Lodge had failed in its duty to prefer charges against him and the member being in good standing, he was entitled to all the privileges of the Craft. It was a just decision and Grand Lodge approved it.

He was quick to take measures for the suppression of a cipher purporting to be accurate in matter and form of the degree work of the Jurisdiction. It had been published and advertised by one W. W. Daggett, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, who, he was reliably informed, has no Masonic standing.

He referred to the tendency to hurry men into Masonry "for the sake of their numbers, their fees, or the making of a good record of activity." In this connection he gave utterance to the following, which may interest some of our readers:

"Our attention has been called to physical disability, but what about mental and moral disability? When a candidate for our degrees states that it is his intention and ambition to get into the Shrine as quickly as possible every black ball in the ballot box should be cast against him. While I am a member of the A. A. O. N. M. S., it is my opinion that the Shrine is becoming (yes has already become) a curse to Ancient Craft Masonry. The Shrine is not masonry, and has nothing whatever to do with Masonry, except in so far as it requires its novitiates to be members of the Craft. It misrepresents Masonry. Its methods of securing candidates are in direct conflict with our Ancient Landmarks and established usages, and subversive of our underlying principles, and suggest the question whether we have not just cause for divorce.

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Then, too, we are so occupied in grinding out Masons that we have overlooked (have no time for) the duty of wholesome instruction apart from the lectures. The study side of Masonry should be taken up. The fullest purpose of Masonry should be impressed upon our members, and that is to raise the personal efficiency of the individual, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually, in his relation to God, his country, his neighbor and himself, helping him to stop the waste of time, energy, money and opportunity in these four relations of life. So,"

Plans for securing the nucleus fund of \$100,000 for a Masonic Home were consummated at this meeting. A committee reported \$87,000 then in sight, and \$17,200 was subscribed by the Brethren present, "in a few minutes." Thereupon the Trustees were directed to proceed with the acquirement of a site and begin building operations. Thus does Minnesota join the procession of advanced Masonic charity.

Pennsylvania (1915) is among the Jurisdictions reviewed by Brother IRVING TODD's Correspondence Report, and notice taken of the death of our Brother LAMBERTON, late "the distinguished chairman" of our Committee on Correspondence.

ALBERT BERG,	St. Paul,	Grand Master.
JOHN FISHEL,	St. Paul,	Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI—1917.

NINETY-NINTH Annual Communication, February 13, 1917, at Jackson.

Preceding the opening of the Grand Lodge the Brethren and the citizens of Jackson assembled at a theatre, where a program of exercises was conducted, the Grand Master presiding. Among the addresses was one by the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star, in which she presented to Grand

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Lodge an American flag, and which concluded with the following:

“Quite a dramatic incident followed Mrs. Scales’ address. As she presented the flag, ‘Old Glory,’ to Grand Master Power, a second flag descended from above, forming a beautiful background. Mrs. Power came forward and sang ‘The Star-Spangled Banner,’ the band following with ‘Dixie,’ and every member of the Grand Lodge arose, applauding.

“On behalf of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master accepted the flag and made a very appropriate speech of thanks, making handsome mention of the symbolical emblems of the Red, White and Blue—the White for purity, the Blue for friendship and the Red for fervency and zeal. He was glad to accept the token from the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter Eastern Star, and knew it would be highly prized.

“Incidentally the Grand Master referred to the war in Europe and said he understood that not a single crowned head in all the belligerent countries belonged to the Masonic order; and had no doubt the war would come to an early close if the kings and rulers of that war-stricken section had taken the vows and obligations of Masonry.”

In his official address Grand Master GEORGE BOYD POWER directed attention to the unsatisfactory financial condition of Grand Lodge and said: “In fact, this borrowing business has become the habit with us and as I see it, we are no nearer the end now than last year; in fact we are going further and further in debt every year.” It was necessary to forego desirable improvements at the Masonic Home for want of funds. Grand Lodge voted to borrow \$7,500 to meet current expenses for 1917, and it was determined to adopt several expedients to keep down expenditures.

Reporting on the “State of the Craft,” Grand Secretary FREDERIC G. SPEED said:

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“Interest in Masonry throughout the State is constantly growing stronger. When you consider the fact that there are only 147,000 white men, over the age of twenty-one in Mississippi and we have 21,000 Masons; you will see that there is one Mason to every seven men that are eligible to join the Order. The Lodges are not taking down the bars to everybody, but are pursuing the same strict course they always have.”

Past Grand Master HENRY C. YAWN is the author of the Correspondence Report, in which Pennsylvania (1915) appears. He cannot see the propriety of inhibiting our guests of the Elizabethtown Homes from joining the Eastern Star, and intimates that the ban may, with equal propriety, be applied to “other orders.” We venture to say that this is probably not the only subject on which the Brethren of Mississippi and Pennsylvania may differ, and we cannot presume to control their opinions on any of them.

G. FREDERIC CULLENS,	Wallerville,	Grand Master.
FREDERIC GORDON SPEED,	Vicksburg,	Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI—1916.

NINETY-SIXTH Annual Communication, September 19, 1916, at St. Louis.

Grand Master FRANK R. JESSE is a man of broad views and a high conception of the value of Freemasonry to society and the final triumph of its mission. Speaking of the war, he believed it has come upon the world not because of the inefficiency of our civilization and such institutions as Freemasonry, but has come notwithstanding them; and that “they will yet triumph.”

He was asked by a Lodge if it could accept a petition from

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a Catholic—"a nice young man and belongs to a good family." His reply reflects the breadth of Masonry:

"Answer. Yes. The religion of Freemasonry, 'if religion it may be called, is an unfeigned belief in the one living and true God.' The Holy Bible, as the source and standard of Truth, is exalted on her altar as her first Great Light and all her moral teachings are but beams of its brightness. Anchored in her principles fast by the throne of God, inculcating in her first step a loving trust in Him and accepting His law as the embodiment of Truth, she excludes no one on account of diversity of religious views. The shackles fall from the feet of bigotry and prejudice at the entrance of her shrine. The Jew, the Christian, the Arab of the desert and the aborigines of the forest may assemble around a common altar and fraternize in recognition of the one living and true God. In her sacred retreat every discordant voice should be hushed and the bitterness of sectarian strife should be abashed into silence in the awful presence of pure and absolute Truth."

He referred to the proposed memorial to WASHINGTON, the Mason, at Alexandria, as of inestimable value to the Fraternity and hoped for the time when the Grand Lodge would be able to more adequately assist "this great enterprise," saying further: "No monument is needed to recall to future generations the name and fame of Washington; but a monument is needed by the Masonic Fraternity to recall to future generations his zeal and devotion to the Fraternity." Anyone who investigates the subject seriously will realize the force of the statement.

The Masonic Home looms big in the interest and affections of the Missouri Masons. Following a report that \$117,193.62 had thus far been received from the Lodges for an Improvement Fund, enthusiasm was aroused by a donation from Past Grand Master ARTHUR M. HOUGH, of \$5,000 to the Endow-

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ment Fund. JUDGE HOUGH said that he wanted the satisfaction and pleasure of knowing and seeing the service of his contribution to this great Masonic charity while he was living, rather than postpone it until after his death. He was followed by Past Grand Master JACOB LAMBERT, who duplicated JUDGE HOUGH's donation, and said that he was "not going to let an old bachelor of Jefferson City outdo an old bachelor living in St. Louis." Both of the Brethren modestly expressed the desire that as little publicity as possible be given to their contributions.

The Masonic Employment Bureau of St. Louis is doing a fine business. For the first six months of 1916 an average of 119 applicants were placed in positions, some of them paying as high as \$125 per month. In our opinion this service is one of the highest forms of Masonic helpfulness. To help a Brother to help himself, is idealistic Masonry.

In his Correspondence Report, reviewing Pennsylvania (1915), Brother Woods refers to the edicts of our Grand Master in the case of applicants rejected in our Lodges and accepted in other Jurisdictions. He remarks: "A serious question arises at this point which, however, we will not discuss. It will present itself soon enough." In another place, however, he does discuss the subject, in what we consider rather portentous words. We quote him for the information of our readers:

"In the meeting of the Grand Masters in Philadelphia some years since it was tacitly agreed that instead of Perpetual or Territorial Jurisdiction the limit should be a term of five years. Of course, this was only suggestive or advisory, as the body had no legislative functions. Some adopted the five-year limit, some other periods, but the majority of the Grand Lodges held to their former policy, either 'territorial or perpetual jurisdiction.' The possibility of trouble over this difference was manifest from the first and this possibility

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has now crystallized into fact, in that certain Grand Lodges claiming perpetual jurisdiction, considering themselves aggrieved because parties rejected by them were made Freemasons in other Grand Jurisdictions, have issued 'edicts' naming these parties as clandestines and forbidding their lodges to recognize them. And, now as the Grand Lodge whose member is pronounced and interdicted as clandestine will feel bound, as it would seem it must, to protect its member, and proceed to sever fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge so offending, we have separation and strife instead of amity and the case of one may be that of many."

EDWARD HIGBEE,	Kirksville,	Grand Master.
JOHN R. PARSON,	St. Louis,	Grand Secretary.

MONTANA—1916.

FIFTY-SECOND Annual Communication, August 30, 1916,
at Butte.

After disposing of the business of Grand Lodge the members present—about three hundred—journeyed by train and automobile to Virginia City, where the Grand Lodge was organized fifty years before, to install the officers and celebrate the semi-annual anniversary. The occasion brought together many of the "old timers" and many an interesting tale was told of Masonry in Montana in the early days, as well as of the life and adventures of the settlers and "Argonauts" who discovered the "golden fleece" at Alder Gulch, which is about a quarter of a mile from where Virginia City now stands. In those days of the road agent and desperado, it was the Masonic spirit and leadership that had much to do with the protection of life and property and the maintenance of law and order.

Among those present on this occasion was former United States Senator WILLIAM A. CLARK, the thirteenth Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He was introduced as the

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“owner of copper mines, banks, founderies, railroads, and the Lord knows what all—he probably doesn’t know himself.” Brother CLARK gave some interesting reminiscences of the early days of Montana.

The Grand Master presiding at this Communication was Dr. W. H. ALLEN, a former Pennsylvania boy, hailing from Bradford County. His official address shows him to have been an efficient and energetic officer. The Grand Lodge declared: “We are proud of you, Brother ALLEN”; and that “he quickly grasped every problem presented to him and solved them with the sole view-point of Masonry’s good.”

There was on exhibition at this meeting of Grand Lodge an interesting Masonic relic of the days of GEORGE WASHINGTON. It was a Masonic apron formerly owned by Colonel WILLIAM PAYNE, one of the pallbearers at WASHINGTON’S funeral, and was worn by Brother PAYNE in the Lodge at Alexandria, Virginia, when WASHINGTON was Master of the Lodge. The apron was loaned by the great-granddaughter of Colonel PAYNE.

Grand Master ALLEN renewed the recommendation of his predecessor, that Lodges should be prohibited from occupying any building in which there is a saloon, which the Grand Lodge had negatived the previous year. This time it endorsed the views of the Grand Master, but declined to interfere with existing leases. It voted, however, to prohibit any Lodge from contracting such joint occupancy in future, thereby sustaining the Grand Master’s sentiment that “as the influence of the two institutions is so widely at variance, the saloon should be widely separated from Masonry.”

Brother H. S. HEPNER includes Pennsylvania (1915) in his Correspondence Report and quotes from the installation address of Grand Master WATRES.

DR. R. W. GETTY,	Milltown,	Grand Master.
CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR.,	Helena,	Grand Secretary.

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NEBRASKA—1917.

SIXTIETH Annual Communication, June 5, 1917, at Omaha.

Patriotism reigned supreme at the opening of Grand Lodge. Presentation of "Old Glory," borne into the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master JOHN A. EHRHARDT, a veteran of the Civil War, "brought forth the most enthusiastic greeting ever witnessed in the Grand Lodge." The Brethren were profoundly stirred by fervent, patriotic eloquence and the singing of our national airs. We deem it of value to our readers to partly describe the thrilling scene in the words of the record:

"If the enthusiasm of the members of the Grand Lodge is any criterion of the feeling of the people, it can be said that they are united in their loyalty to our country, and that there is a firm resolution, no matter what follows, that we will make any and all sacrifices necessary until our honor is vindicated and every right restored. At no time in the history of our Grand Lodge has such a meeting as that of today been held. Patriotism was breathed with every word; men accustomed to public speaking were overcome by their emotion, and many eyes were dim; tears of which men were not ashamed trickled down their cheeks, as in their hearts they consecrated themselves to the cause of liberty, freedom, and fraternity.

"Past Grand Master George H. Thummel presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"WHEREAS, a state of war exists between the United States of America and the Imperial Government of Germany,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Masons of Nebraska in Grand Lodge assembled, realizing most keenly the gravity of the hour, yet firmly convinced that the principles of autocracy are subversive of the liberties of a free people, that it is impossible for nations holding such widely

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divergent views to long exist as neighbors; that whenever ambitions and greedy Imperialism are strong enough, then Government of the People, by the People and for the People must perish from the earth;

“THEREFORE, with faith in the justice of our cause, with malice towards none, with charity for all, contending not only for the perpetuity of our free institutions, but for the liberty of all peoples and nations, we pledge to our President our unswerving loyalty, and our devotion to the cause in which we are now entering.

“RESOLVED, that it is our patriotic duty to assist and contribute in every manner possible towards the success of this gigantic war, perhaps Man's decisive war for Liberty, possibly Autocracy's last stand.

“RESOLVED, that we most heartily approve of the action of our Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home in subscribing ten thousand dollars of Liberty Bonds;

“RESOLVED, that as a further evidence of our devotion to our country, this Grand Lodge hereby authorizes the purchase of five thousand dollars additional Liberty Bonds, the same to be turned over to the Trustees of the Home as part of its Endowment Fund.

“RESOLVED, that as Masons we will in every possible manner conserve our resources, practise economy, aid in financing the war, and with love of Country in our hearts instill in our children love of Home and Country.”

Moved by the pervading patriotic spirit, a collection was taken in Grand Lodge for the War Relief Society, which amounted to \$250.65. It was also voted to appropriate \$146 to maintain one French orphan boy and one girl for two years. Five thousand dollars was invested in Liberty Bonds.

Grand Master ANDREW H. VIELE's official address is an able document and a complete review of his administration. The Masonic Homes were reported to be managed in a busi-

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nesslike manner and with absolute harmony. The residents were 20 men, 25 women, and 26 children. The total per capita cost was \$26.65 per month. The proper care and treatment of the mentally unbalanced residents of the Homes was a problem which the Grand Master submitted to Grand Lodge. He thought that either they should not be received in the Homes, or more adequate facilities should be provided for taking care of them. It is a problem likely to be encountered in all such institutions, and suggests the necessity of proper hospital service and insane wards, if such subjects are to be received.

In his Correspondence Report, Brother EHRHARDT speaks of the benevolent works of the several Grand Lodges and remarks that "no better method has ever been employed and no better care taken of the unfortunates than in our own jurisdiction."

He regretted that "Delaware and Massachusetts are among the missing" in his report; but as Pennsylvania is also among the missing, we infer we don't count!

FREDERIC L. TEMPLE,	Lexington,	Grand Master.
FRANCIS E. WHITE,	Omaha,	Grand Secretary.

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FIFTY-SECOND Annual Communication, June 13, 1916, at Reno.

According to the official address of Grand Master BENJAMIN W. COLEMAN, the Brethren were again brought together by "the ceaseless and inaudible tread of Father Time."

Apparently a "lecturer of note" had appeared in their midst and, among other things, advanced the thought that any subject which affects the welfare of mankind is proper for discussion in, and consideration by, a Masonic Lodge. The Grand Master thought this was going too far; that

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Masons differed in their opinions on questions of sociology, economics, politics, religion, etc.; that the free discussion of such subjects might tend to disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge. We believe he is right. The functions of Masonry are pretty well defined and to attempt to extend them into the possible field of controversy is a dangerous expedient. The Grand Lodge was of the opinion that the matter could safely be left to the good judgment of the Masters, but expressed the view "that any question which affects the moral and civic welfare of a whole community is a proper subject for discussion in a lodge room." The difficult task of drawing the line was not attempted.

The Grand Master was strong for a Supreme Grand Lodge; but his Grand Lodge was decidedly against it—and said so.

A committee to investigate the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home presented a well-prepared and comprehensive report, in which valuable statistics appear relating to such institutions in other Jurisdictions. The conclusion reached was that it was a project too expensive for Nevada, and that the problem of relief could be more beneficently worked out along other lines. It was voted to set aside each year ten per cent. of the gross revenues of Grand Lodge for a charity fund, to be administered by Trustees in co-operation with the Lodges. This is the plan of some other Jurisdictions; but we do not quite see how it is a substitute for a Masonic Home. The two methods of Masonic charity are distinct, not only in their operation, but in their effect. No doubt it is unwise for a Jurisdiction, weak financially and numerically, to attempt a Masonic Home; but we believe that experience has shown that it is the highest expression of Masonic sympathy and service.

ALFRED W. HOLMES, Reno, Grand Master.
EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

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FIFTY-THIRD Annual Communication, June 12, 1917, at Reno, ALFRED W. HOLMES, Grand Master.

Immediately after opening Grand Lodge the American flag was carried into the hall and presented before the altar, as the Brethren sang "America"; and an eloquent Brother followed with a glowing tribute to "Old Glory." The Grand Master also in his official address gave expression to sentiments of patriotism that aroused the Brethren and bespoke their loyalty and service to the Government—"one country, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all." Grand Lodge, by formal declaration enthusiastically endorsed his remarks. It was also voted to invest \$2,000 in Liberty Bonds.

The Grand Master referred to a claim of one of their Lodges against a Philadelphia Lodge for money expended in the care of a member of the latter during a serious illness in Nevada. There appeared to be some unwillingness, or neglect, on the part of the Philadelphia Lodge, to reimburse the Nevada Lodge, and Grand Master WATRES was appealed to, who replied that he would endeavor to effect a settlement of the claim without further delay. Grand Master HOLMES reported: "As I have heard nothing further in the matter, I presume the difference has been settled."

Grand Secretary EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH is the moving force in this Grand Lodge. He also has the right conception of the Mason's relation and duty to his country. In his Correspondence Report he says: "Our Country is the symbol of all that is most priceless on earth—liberty, truth, devotion, loyalty. To the heart of all Craftsmen patriotism is as immortal as love, and our native land is forever dear. The true Mason must be a true patriot."

Pennsylvania (1915) is given ample and fraternal notice; our "great work of charity" is described; and the installation address of Grand Master WATRES is quoted with the

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comment: "These are ringing words; they strike clear to the hearts of all true Craftsmen and are an inspiration to better service."

THOMAS LINDSAY, Tonopah, Grand Master.
EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1916-1917.

FORTY-NINTH Annual Communication, April 25, 1916,
at Saint John.

In referring to the Brethren who had passed away during the year, Grand Master HEDLEY V. B. BRIDGES's mention of those "killed in action" was a striking reminder of the ravages of war. He paid a sympathetic tribute to those who had thus given up their lives on the battlefields of Europe, to their unselfish loyalty and genuine patriotism which have characterized the heroes of Canada. He estimated that to that time, not less than 10,000 Masons from Canada had enlisted for foreign service.

Contrasting the attitude of English and American Masonry with that of Germany in their hopes of peace among the nations, he referred to the Annual Diet of the Union of Grand Lodges of Germany, held at Frankfort, May 31, 1914, when the three Prussian Grand Masters presented the following resolution:

" "That the activities of Masonic organizations must be limited in these matters to education of their members in the spirit of Freemasonry. Any other mode of activity would result in political tendencies, to which masonry, by the terms of its fundamental principles, must remain foreign.

" "It does not, therefore, belong to the domain of Masonry to support directly the modern pacific movement called Pacificism. Therefore, this Diet of Grand Lodges invites

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the German Grand Lodges and Masonic organizations to abstain from expressing an opinion in favour of Pacificism.' ”

We also present the Grand Master's further remarks on the above, in justice to the non-Prussian Masons, as to their attitude at that time:

“ It is well worth noting that the proposition was opposed by the five non-Prussian Grand Lodges. The Prussian Grand Masters then thought fit to forbid the Lodges under their several jurisdictions any further official participation in the International Masonic Conference then being held.

“ For some time past the three Prussian Grand Masters have been men of high official positions, and, therefore, share in the secrets of the high councils of the Empire. They required no prophetic prevision to note for them what the future held in store. They therefore opposed among German Lodges, the cultivation of sentiments of universal peace.”

Notwithstanding war conditions, the Grand Lodge and its subordinates were reported to be in excellent shape, with a substantial increase in membership.

FIFTIETH Annual Communication was held April 24, 1917, at Saint John.

Grand Master BRIDGES congratulated Grand Lodge upon a further increase in their numbers and the sound condition of their finances. His optimism for the future of Freemasonry was expressed in these words:

“ Of the future of Freemasonry with us there can be no doubt. It is ours to be men of hope and trust. When the day dawned for us which found the whole English-speaking people united in sentiment and action in carrying on this war to a successful conclusion, to the hope and trust and courage that was ours, we added greater courage and thanked God.

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For among these two great nations are nearly three millions of men who are Masons, whose principles are vitally contained in the successful issues of this titanic struggle for truth and freedom."

The business of the Communication was largely routine, without special interest to our readers.

DANIEL C. CLARK,	Saint John,	Grand Master.
J. TWINING HARTT,	Saint John,	Grand Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, May 16, 1917, at Concord.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE EDWARD BALES died after serving half of his year as Grand Master. He was a prominent citizen of his community, in professional, business and political affairs, as well as conspicuous and enthusiastic in Masonic circles. The Grand Lodge met in special session at his home town and performed the last sad rites of depositing his body in the grave.

Acting Grand Master ABRAHAM L. GARMON made eloquent and patriotic allusion to the entry of the United States into the war, and at his suggestion Grand Lodge directed that a Masonic Roll of Honor be established as a permanent record of the military services of all New Hampshire Masons who are called to the colors.

Grand Lodge voted to give fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Panama.

The Washington Memorial Association has two earnest advocates in Past Grand Masters CHARLES H. WIGGIN and FREDERICK W. SAWYER. They made a report of the history, purposes and progress of the project and appealed to their Brethren not to lose the opportunity of identifying them-

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selves with its consummation. Upon their recommendation Grand Lodge voted \$100 to become a life member, and the aforesaid Brethren were continued as a committee to arouse interest in the project in the Lodges.

Brother HARRY M. CHENEY wrote the Correspondence Report, saying: "I have had a genuinely good time in my efforts to find out what others are doing and in my attempt to put up a quick picture of my discoveries." He believes "it is all a part of God's plan that our great and rich nation is to be an agency in making this old world better than it ever has been; and that Freemasons are the type of men who must see it through."

ABRAHAM L. GARMON,	Manchester,	Grand Master.
HARRY M. CHENEY,	Concord,	Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY—1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH Annual Communication, April 18, 1917, at Trenton.

Grand Master WILLIAM R. MEAKLE reported the largest increase in the numbers of members in any Masonic year in the history of the Jurisdiction; and he believed that due discrimination was exercised as to the quality of initiates. Three new Lodges were constituted and dispensations granted for four others.

Report for the Masonic Home showed the number of residents at the close of the year to be 84. Gross cost of maintenance was \$23,297.01, a per capita cost per day of 72.1 cents—a trifle more than the preceding year. The estimated value of assets of the Home, including land and equipment, was \$293,354.66.

The Committee on Correspondence directed attention to the fact that the German Grand Lodges had, jointly or severally, during 1914, 1915 and 1916, adopted and promulgated resolutions of non-intercourse with all Grand Lodges and

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their constituent membership of Lodges, or individual Masons, of alien enemy countries; and as the United States did, on April 6, 1917, declare the existence of a state of war with Germany, the Grand Lodges of this country were no longer in a state of fraternal relations with any of the bodies composing the German Grand Lodge Diet. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has never accorded formal recognition to the German Grand Lodges, but has permitted duly accredited members thereof to visit our Lodges. In the present situation this must now cease.

The members of Grand Lodge joined heartily in singing "The Star Spangled Banner," following the unanimous adoption of this resolution:

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey, the Representatives of 45,000 Masons, in Annual Communication assembled, do hereby affirm our allegiance to our Country and our Flag.

"We heartily endorse the action of His Excellency the President of the United States in committing our people to the cause of humanity, and as true Americans we do pledge to him our unqualified support in this epoch of the history of our Country."

A further patriotic sentiment is found in a resolution to authorize the investment of Grand Lodge funds in Liberty Bonds.

Apparently the office of Grand Organist and Grand Tyler in New Jersey are of sufficient dignity and importance, or the incumbents sufficiently popular, to demand that they be decorated with the title of "Right Worshipful." The suggestion came from no less a personage than the Grand Master. It was a subject too delicate for the Committee on Jurisprudence to discuss its merits, but they pointed out that it could be accomplished only by an amendment to the law,

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which must lie over for a year for action. Not to be deterred by such a trifling obstacle, a sufficient number of the Brethren was found to propose the amendment, and it will come up per schedule. It is a momentous proposition. How we do love titles! If we cannot get them in the military, the professions or the colleges, let us make our own. "Right Worshipful Grand Organist" ought to be high-sounding enough to satisfy almost anybody.

New Jersey Lodges have a Masonic Employment Bureau that appears to be doing good work. Since its organization in 1914, positions have been found for 873 applicants, at salaries averaging more than \$15 per week. It is supported by contributions of one cent per member per month, of the Lodges composing the Bureau.

Brother ROBERT A. SHIRREFS's Correspondence Report covers the Proceedings of about all the Grand Lodges, including Pennsylvania (1915), and is in his usual excellence of style and substance. He gives particular attention to Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS's judicial declarations relative to our relations with other Grand Lodges in the matter of jurisdiction over candidates, which, Brother SHIRREFS says, is "a matter long veiled in doubt." We believe that Grand Master WILLIAMS has now put it in such clear light that no doubt may longer exist.

WILLIAM M. THOMPSON,	Trenton,	Grand Master.
ISAAC CHERRY,	Trenton,	Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO—1916.

THIRTY-NINTH Annual Communication, October 9, 1916,
at Los Vegas.

Reference to the official address of Grand Master AMOS W. POLLARD discloses nothing of interest to bring to the attention of our readers, except, perhaps, the older generation,

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who in their youth were thrilled by the tales of KIT CARSON, will be glad to learn that the problem of preserving the old home of the late Brother CARSON has been solved, and the property will be maintained in a creditable manner, as a relic and memorial of the famous scout and Mason.

Referring to the Grand Master's decisions, the committee reporting on his address took occasion to say: "We desire to confirm the opinion of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, when he said that New Mexico had shown to the world that their Grand Masters were fully equipped and understood Masonic law thoroughly." It is well to know that the judgment and commendation of Pennsylvania is held in such high esteem at least in one other Jurisdiction!

Grand Lodge enacted a law precluding from Masonry persons engaged in the "saloon business," and to discipline any Mason who thereafter engages in such business, either directly or indirectly.

Brother JOHN MILNE remembers Pennsylvania (1915) in his Correspondence Report and quotes Grand Master WILLIAMS at length on "perpetual jurisdiction," without adverse comment.

ALONZO B. McMILLEN, Albuquerque, Grand Master.

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1916.

PROCEEDINGS at hand covers Quarterly and Special Communications from September 8, 1915, to July 7, 1916. During the year there was an increase of three Lodges, and 959 members, with a total of 22,465. At the last above mentioned meeting Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM THOMPSON was again installed Grand Master, and, addressing the Brethren, he congratulated them that "our Order is flourishing beyond

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all expectations"; "but," he said, "I would be sorry indeed if this increase had been attained by the lowering of the high moral standard we look for in our initiates, as we must never forget the world is prone to judge the standard of our fraternity not by our best, but by our worst; and, therefore, one bad man who has gained an entrance into our Order will do far greater harm than one hundred good and worthy men can remedy."

He appealed for greater contributions to the War Benevolent Fund, then amounting to about \$26,000, stating that 1,433 of their Brethren had gone to the war, of which number 54 were reported killed in action.

Brother S. SCOTT-YOUNG, who heads the Committee on Correspondence, urges his Brethren to read its reports, to get a broader, world-wide view of Masonic activities, saying:

"We are apt to wrap ourselves in a cloak of insular conceit, and condemn any practice to which we are not accustomed; this, because our mind becomes contracted and moves in but a small orbit. If, however, we study the manners and customs of our fraternity in other lands, with a desire for knowledge, we shall soon find that each point of difference is founded on some sound reason or some ancient tradition, has its origin in some fact or legend which, like the familiar symbols common to us all, conveys a high moral lesson."

Brother WILLIAM EPPS, of the Committee, contributes a notice of Pennsylvania (1915) in which he speaks of our Grand Lodge as "one of the venerable Masonic institutions of the United States, if it be not the oldest constitution of all the State Grand Bodies," impressing one as "a solid, conservative body, safe in its lines and sound in principle."

He refers to the death of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON and the memorial tribute paid to him, adding:

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“It is well that the qualities of our Craft leaders should thus be recorded and set out in appropriate language.”

Brother EPPS reproduced several thoughts from what he termed the “eloquent address” of Grand Master WATRES, and also the “interesting and sound dictum of Grand Master WILLIAMS on the position of Pennsylvania in relation to other Grand Lodges in the matter of jurisdiction over candidates for Masonry.” Brother EPPS is certainly a man of fine discernment and sound judgment; and should he ever come to Pennsylvania he will find some other attractive characteristics about us which can only be appreciated by personal contact!

WILLIAM THOMPSON,	Sydney,	Grand Master.
ARTHUR H. BRAY,	Sydney,	Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK—1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, May 1, 1917, at New York City.

A large number of distinguished men and Masons attended the Communication as guests, among them Grand Master LOUIS A. WATRES, of Pennsylvania, who was introduced and greeted by Grand Master THOMAS PENNEY as “splendidly royal in entertainment and reception” to the Masons of New York when visitors to our Grand Lodge. Brothers WATRES responded with one of his impressive addresses in which he alluded to the mission and principles of Masonry as related to present world events, and said that Masonry could not reconcile itself to the brand of liberty and pretended democracy of that government which had precipitated the horrible cataclysm of war in which we have been forced to participate. He made the further observation that we must combat the tendency of making Masonry too cheap;

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that the highest standards must be maintained in admitting initiates to the Fraternity, a thought which Grand Master PENNEY had just dwelt upon in his official address, and for which he thanked Brother WATRES for affirming.

Another distinguished visitor was Brother THEODORE ROOSEVELT, who delivered a stirring address to the Grand Lodge on the duty of Masons, as the best type of our citizenship, towards our country in the present crisis. Referring to the causes which forced us into the war he said:

“It is just three months and one day since Germany sent her declaration of war to us—that is what it was, the announcement of her submarine policy. That was a declaration of war. She had been at war with us for nearly two years, but that is the first time she declared it. That was the German ultimatum. We had sent out I forget exactly how many ultimatums. Our ultimatums possessed the trifling peculiarity of not being ultimate. For ninety days Germany has been at war with us. You look back into 1914 and see what Germany did from August 1st to December 1st and you will get an exact idea of what Germany would have done to us during these ninety days’ conversation on our part. During these ninety days, if we had not had the protection of a shield of another power and of the armies of another power and of other powers between Germany and us, do you know what would have happened to us?

“Now I, for one—and one of the odd amenities of our political life has been that some of the same gentlemen who have been most active in preventing us from organizing in our own defense, and who have been able to remain in safety behind the shield of the British flag, have passed their time in making faces at Great Britain. But I am not content to owe my safety or owe the safety of this nation to the British flag or any other flag or any other army than our own. I

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want to see Uncle Sam able to help his neighbors, when they do right, and to defend himself from them if they go wrong. And I want to see us take steps that will make us a factor for the peace of righteousness throughout the globe.

“Therefore, Brothers, use your influence to see that we do two things: prepare, really prepare, and do our full duty in this war; and inaugurate a policy of preparedness that is to be continued after the war and at the same time strike, and strike now.”

Grand Master PENNEY referred to the ravages of the war in these words:

“The past three years have wrought tremendous changes on the face of the earth; beautiful works of art that lived through centuries have been entirely destroyed; magnificent structures that withstood the storms of the ages have been blotted out; several countries have been devastated; many thousands of men have been crippled for life and millions have been prematurely sent to their graves.”

This was followed by an earnest exhortation to his Brethren to give freely of their services and substances to relieve the suffering and to help, aid and assist the widows and orphans to the best of their ability, as men and Masons.

By a rising vote Grand Lodge made the following solemn declaration:

“WHEREAS the United States of America, in harmony with the ancient principles of freedom and justice upon which its government is founded, and in support of the liberties of all peoples, and the right of all nations, however small, to govern themselves, free from the aggression of more powerful states, has entered the great war now convulsing the world, has drawn the sword in defense of democracy against autocracy threatening those principles of self-government for which

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our forefathers fought and died, and has declared its intention to carry the struggle to a victorious conclusion, uninfluenced by mercenary motives or ambition for territorial aggrandisement, therefore be it

“RESOLVED, that we, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, in annual communication assembled, pledge to the government of the United States our unswerving support, and to our country our best efforts, our fortunes, and our lives, to the end that victory may crown our arms, and government of the people, by the people, for the people, may not perish from the earth.”

Grand Secretary's report shows the revenues of Grand Lodge to have been \$251,082.85, and the total membership, 203,716. The sum of \$150,000 was invested in Government War Bonds.

The Employment Bureau made a good showing for the year. Three hundred and ninety applicants were placed in positions, aggregating an income to them of \$275,000. The cost of operating the Bureau for the year was \$4,498.47, including salaries of \$3,370.

Upon the favorable report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted by Past Grand Master WILLIAM SHERER, Grand Lodge found that the form and ceremonies of the Gran Logia Cuscattan of San Salvador harmonized with the principles and standards of Masonry in New York, and granted recognition to it. The request of Panama for recognition was deferred for further investigation.

The report of the Committee includes an interesting reference to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717. It briefly describes the religious and social conditions of that time, from which we may form an estimate of the courage of the men who were to lay the foundation of our institution, which has contributed perhaps as much as any

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other agency to the moral uplift of our civilization. We take the liberty to excerpt the following from the Committee's report:

“Ancient Charges and ceremonies, culled from many sources, were compared, digested and adapted to modern conditions and a Constitution and Charges were formulated which enunciated the highest ethical platform of that time. For the age was decadent. The Grand Lodge was formed at a time when individual and social morality was known only to be scoffed at. Religion seemed dead and worship a farce. The bigotry and intolerance of a cold and formal Church—in which a few devout worshipers only served to mark the drunken ignorance of many of its ministers and the lewd degeneracy of the mass of its adherents—were matched on the other hand by a fierce dogmatism and a narrow and cold religion which spent itself in cruel hatred of all men rather than in pious love of any. Men and women alike were utterly worldly, society utterly base and degenerate.”

Pennsylvania (1916) is given fraternal notice and a number of the excellent thoughts of Grand Master WATRES quoted.

THOMAS PENNEY,	Buffalo,	Grand Master.
ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY,	Brooklyn,	Grand Secretary.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, May 10, 1916, at Auckland.

Grand Master OLIVER NICHOLSON's "Greetings" to Grand Lodge was largely devoted to routine matters. He had issued a circular during the year, calling upon the Masons to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors during the war.

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For this he was subject to a certain amount of opprobrium, a Masonic journal permitting a letter to be published containing a bitter attack upon him. He said that while he was not a Prohibitionist, his appeal was timely and justified by existing war conditions and that he was "not going to take back one solitary paragraph," which, he declared, "was in the interest of Freemasonry and the Nation."

A suggestion was offered to allow the Grand Lodge Communication to elapse the following year and that the usual funds necessary to pay the expenses thereof be devoted to the War Relief Fund. It was not accepted as good policy, however, and after considerable discussion the motion was withdrawn. The balance sheet of Grand Lodge showed cash balance in various funds, March 31, 1916, of about \$200,000.

Brother NICHOLSON was re-elected Grand Master and, addressing Grand Lodge, said:

"We are in the midst of an epoch-making period, and the Masonic world must keep pace with the march of events. Our opportunity is here, and the time is ripe for action! As our fair Dominion has set an example to the world in many matters of social reform, so I enjoin you as Brethren owing allegiance to its governing Masonic body to give to the Masonic world an example of a higher conception of the mission and message of Masonry than has hitherto been exhibited. It has been said that one apparent result from this great war has been the revival of the spirit of religion amongst the people. May we not then hope that another result will be the awakening of the brethren to a truer sense of their duty and their responsibilities not only to the Craft, but to their fellow creatures? I trust that you will ponder over these few remarks, and go forth from this hall determined to commence a new era of Masonic activity and to live the life required by our institution. Then, and then only, will you be

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fulfilling your duties as Masons, and through your conduct the world will see a more intelligent citizenship, more godly homes, and more righteous lives, and be convinced that the design of Masonry is no idle dream."

OLIVER NICHOLSON,	Auckland,	Grand Master.
MALCOLM NICCOL,	Auckland,	Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA—1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH Annual Communication, January 16, 1917, at Raleigh.

Grand Master ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS was an able leader and executive, his administration being characterized by earnest devotion to the interests of the Craft in the jurisdiction. He was satisfied that those coming into the Fraternity were well chosen and that they "will become Free Masons in deed and thought as well as in name."

Grand Lodge was called upon to mourn the death of Grand Secretary JOHN C. DREWRY, who had served in that office more than twenty years and had endeared himself to the Masons of North Carolina, not only as a valued and trusted official, but as a noble type of Masonic manhood. He made a bequest of \$10,000 to Grand Lodge, to be invested until it shall reach the sum of \$20,000, the income of the latter amount to be used towards paying the salary of the Grand Secretary. His will also provided that under certain possible contingencies the further sum of \$40,000 shall go to the same fund for the same purpose. Brother DREWRY's last message to his Brethren was solicitous for the welfare and progress of his Grand Lodge. He hoped that the conduct of its affairs and the prosecution of its mission would attract to Masonry the best men of North Carolina, and he said: "We can attract

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them by our own correct living and upright bearing in our everyday walk before them."

Grand Master ANDREWS reported the recovery of a valued Masonic relic—a brass plate bearing an appropriate Masonic inscription, which had been set in the corner-stone of the University of North Carolina in 1793 by Grand Master WILLIAM R. DAVIE and other prominent Masons of that day; who conducted the ceremonies of the corner-stone laying. Subsequent to the Civil War—sometime between 1865 and 1875—the corner-stone was despoiled and the contents removed. The brass plate was discovered in a junk pile at the foundry of a graduate of the University at Clarksville, Tenn., who sent it to Grand Master ANDREWS, to be restored by him to the University.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum cared for 375 children during the year at a per capita cost for maintenance and school expenses of \$119.50. The good work of the institution is attracting the favor of the people of North Carolina who are not Masons. In proof of the fact Mr. A. U. Kornegay, of Goldsboro, left a legacy to the Asylum amounting to about \$25,000 to be turned over after the death of his widow. The Masonic Home had 18 men and 12 women guests, who were cared for at a per capita maintenance cost of \$12.87 per month.

Brother MARSHALL DE LANCEY HAYWOOD, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge, prepared the Correspondence Report, having succeeded Brother JOHN A. COLLINS, who died December 24, 1915, after a service of twenty years in that capacity. Reviewing Pennsylvania (1915) he charges us with being "sticklers over details," judging from edicts of Grand Master WILLIAMS in correcting irregularities appearing in the conduct of affairs in some of the Lodges. We must plead guilty, without mitigating circumstances. In governing the Craft it is the habit of our Grand Masters to

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observe the administration of Masonic affairs in the Lodges and see that they conform to the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge. In certain matters cited Brother HAYWOOD would have disposed of them differently. It depends whether you take a North Carolina point of view, or that of Pennsylvania.

CLAUDE L. PRIDGEN,	Wilmington,	Grand Master.
WILLIAM W. WILSON,	Raleigh,	Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA—1917.

TWENTY-EIGHTH Annual Communication, June 19, 1917,
at Grand Forks.

We learn from the official address of Grand Master ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR that the Supreme Court of the State unanimously decided that, under their statutes "property of Masonic and kindred bodies, used exclusively for lodge purposes, are not subject to taxation." The Grand Lodge was a party to the suit in which this decision was rendered.

Following his suggestion a committee presented ringing resolutions of patriotism which were adopted with enthusiasm, the Brethren rising to their feet and singing "America" with striking volume and fervor. One of the preambles is notable for its characterization of our German enemy:

"Whereas, a portion of mankind seems to have gone mad, and is attempting to force upon the world an autocratic military government that has for its underlying principles, 'might makes right,' and that international agreements are mere 'scraps of paper';"

The resolutions included a subscription of \$5,000 for Liberty Bonds; \$1,000 to the Red Cross; \$1,000 to the Army Y. M. C. A.; and an assessment of one dollar per capita annually during the war for a special relief fund. In view of the foregoing it would be dangerous for any one to intimate

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that our North Dakota Brethren are "slackers." Grand Lodge voted to give to the public press its action as here outlined, "as a concrete illustration of the spirit of Masonry." We commend this finishing touch to the event; it is eminently proper that the public be informed that patriotism is one of the essential principles of Masonry.

The question of incorporation of the Grand Lodge was considered, and developed differences of opinion as to its desirability and advisability. Even the Masonic lawyers disagreed about it. The decision was against it; and whether the several Funds of the Grand Lodge shall be incorporated is to be investigated and further considered.

Grand Secretary STOCKWELL presented an instructive address on the two hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England, which should be helpful to his Brethren who are desirous of knowing something of the history of modern Freemasonry. It is to be noted, however, that he assumes absolute neutrality between Pennsylvania and Massachusetts as to priority in America. Perhaps he is wise—if he wishes to be popular! Those people down in Massachusetts are so "red-headed" (perhaps "belligerent" is a more elegant word) on the subject that anyone who differs with them must be of inferior intelligence! "I am Sir Oracle; when I ope' my lips let no dog bark" expresses their attitude. It is not our purpose to here discuss the merits of the controversy. No doubt it has already wearied Brother STOCKWELL, as it has many other distinguished Grand Lodge Correspondents; suffice it to say that our Librarian, Brother JULIUS F. SACHSE, is the peer of historical investigators, and all statements made by him on the subject in the publications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are proven by documentary evidence in our Archives. Of course, such evidence is dismissed by Massachusetts with a wave of the hand as immaterial or irrelevant—if not forgeries—and not worthy of consideration.

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The Correspondence Report of Past Grand Master WILLIAM E. HOOVER furnishes a good review of many of the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

WILLIAM J. REYNOLDS,	Westhope,	Grand Master.
WALTER L. STOCKWELL,	Fargo,	Grand Secretary.

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FIFTY-SECOND Annual Communication, June 13, 1917, at Truro.

Grand Master DONALD F. FRASER cited the case of a young man who was an applicant for the Masonic degrees and who, as a soldier in the war, had received a wound that rendered him unable "to raise his arm beyond a very short distance." He was asked whether the rule on physical qualifications could be relaxed in the case and the applicant accepted. He had already decided that a candidate who had an artificial eye could be accepted; and Grand Lodge, passing on the question, declared: "We believe that under these entirely new conditions, unprecedented in the history of Masonry, it may be necessary to exercise even greater leniency in the future as to physical defects."

Proceedings is embellished with attractive pictures of the Masonic Home located at Windsor, which appears to be in a flourishing condition and taking tender care of seventeen women and men, at a cost of about \$5,000 for the year.

Grand Lodge voted \$500 to the Patriotic Fund; \$500 to the Military Y. M. C. A.; \$250 to the Canadian Red Cross, and \$1,000 to the Masonic Home.

Pennsylvania (1916) is among the Jurisdictions noticed by Brother JAMES C. JONES in his Correspondence Report.

DONALD FISHER FRASER,	New Glasgow,	Grand Master.
THOMAS MOWBRAY,	Halifax,	Grand Secretary.

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OHIO—1916.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH Annual Communication, October 18, 1916, at Columbus.

In an address of welcome to Grand Lodge, the Mayor of the city assured the Brethren that they "look good to us"; and assuming that "all of them drink water occasionally," especially directed their attention to the city's water works system and its garbage disposal plant. In responding to the welcome, Past Grand Master NELSON WILLIAMS was not quite so earthy; and in his usual poetic style referred to the Masonic organization as "a great river of light, carrying blessings and smiles to all who drink from its swelling tide." Apparently it was too difficult to dress up a garbage plant in poetic garb, so he attempted no metaphor in that direction.

The official address of Grand Master FRANK H. MARQUIS is a sensible business document, sufficient to cover the administration of his office. He was gratified to refer to the fact that during the year Grand Lodge had made the largest gains in membership in its history—5,854—and its highest enrollment—107,039.

An unusual incident was witnessed in the introduction of Brother U. C. DEARDORFF, the oldest Mason in Ohio. He was ninety years of age and had been a Mason for sixty-seven years. The Brethren arose to their feet and welcomed the aged Brother with due honors.

The report on Masonic Home is interesting reading. Statistics for the year show the following residents: 93 men, average age, 76 years; 64 women, average, 72 years; 31 boys, average age, 12 years 9 months; 23 girls, average, 11 years. Disbursements for the year were \$45,779.74 for maintenance and \$93,958.21 for betterments.

In his Correspondence Report Brother NELSON WILLIAMS, referring to Pennsylvania (1915) quotes Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS on the attitude of our Grand Lodge in

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regulating and controlling Masonic affairs within its own Jurisdiction and insisting that its judgments shall be respected abroad. He then pleasantly remarks: "It was recently our great pleasure to meet this distinguished Brother, and he did not appear to us as 'sassy' as the above language would indicate."

Selections were also made from the installation address of Grand Master WATRES, "in which many splendid things were said."

JOEL C. CLORE,	Cincinnati,	Grand Master.
J. H. BROMWELL,	Cincinnati,	Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA—1917.

NINTH Annual Communication, February 20, 1917, at Oklahoma City.

At the opening of Grand Lodge Grand Master ARTHUR JAMES WEIR was received with "private grand honors." He was also the recipient of a presentation apron, and in an eloquent outburst by one of the Brethren was greeted with the following:

"In some instances, the Masonic Ships of other jurisdictions have had rough sailing, with zeppelins above and submarines beneath them, the turbid waves have lashed against them, but the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma has had a pilot and commander, with flashing eyes and steady hands, that has guided the Masonic Ship into a victorious and peaceful harbor."

The Grand Master's official address was punctuated with patriotic fervor; and it may be noted that he was of foreign birth. While exalting the Masons' loyalty to the Stars and Stripes, this scene was enacted:

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"Here Brother Leslie H. Swan took from its socket holder the flag and sprang to the rostrum in the Grand East and waved it above his head. The brethren of the Grand Lodge, as a unit, rose to their feet, when Brother Edward Vaile McIntyre sprang to the pipe organ and struck the chords of 'America' and all joined lustily in singing it."

Then followed the adoption of this resolution:

"A part of the paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge, and of each of its constituent lodges, shall be a United States flag, of convenient size, which shall be spread upon the altar, and upon which shall rest the Three Great Lights of Masonry."

The mover of the resolution said:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, I know of no other thing on top of God's green earth that would electrify a newly made Mason, when he is brought to light, than by seeing 'Old Glory,' the Stars and Stripes, symbol of Fraternity, Loyalty and Union all over the world, and resting thereon the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses."

The country has heard some unpleasant reports of matters in Oklahoma touching the preparations for war with Germany; but the above narrative is surety that the Masons were not among the "slackers" and unpatriotic. Masonry in Oklahoma is of the same brand of loyalty to country as that in all the jurisdictions. This may be said, too, notwithstanding that the Grand Lodge listened to an address by the Grand Orator which did not in all respects harmonize with the ideals of our Government in going to war "to make the world safe for democracy." He saved the situation, however, by the declaration: "But if it is the judgment of the American Congress that we should go to war, I pledge to support the government at Washington with my property and my life." It

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was well said, and may be emulated by all citizens who have had any doubts about it.

Grand Lodge transacted a large amount of business, mainly of interest only to the members of the Jurisdiction. The Masonic Home at Darlington was reported to be in a high state of efficiency, caring for 146 children and 31 adults. The Home was the recipient of many donations and several bequests.

In the Correspondence Report of Past Grand Master THOMAS C. HUMPHRY, Pennsylvania (1915) is fraternally noticed, with the statement that "there are few names more familiar to the readers of Masonic Proceedings than Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON."

SAMUEL WILLIAM HOGAN, Cashion, Grand Master.
WILLIAM M. ANDERSON, Oklahoma City, Grand Secretary.

OREGON—1917.

SIXTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, June 13, 1917,
at Portland.

At the opening of Grand Lodge an American flag was escorted into the meeting, according to a prepared form of ceremony, and floated in the breeze of an electric fan. REV. DR. WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNGSON (a former Pittsburgh boy) was concealed behind a screen and "impersonated the flag" in the delivery of an eloquent patriotic address. At its conclusion he stepped from behind the screen and, speaking for the Grand Lodge, uttered this climax, which was received with tumultuous applause, bringing the Brethren to their feet with loud cheers:

"We pledge allegiance to our flag and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. We pledge America to help make the world safe for Democracy."

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It was voted that Brother YOUNGSON's address should be given to the press "for publication as the platform of the Masonic Fraternity in the State of Oregon." Grand Lodge directed that \$7,500 of its funds be invested in Liberty Bonds.

Grand Master WILL MOORE stated in his official address that their membership was steadily increasing and that the new material was of a high standard.

Conforming with instructions of Grand Lodge in 1916, he addressed forty-eight Grand Masters upon the feasibility of a Grand Masters' conference. Only fourteen accepted the invitation and agreed to attend; therefore he deemed it wise to abandon the project, hoping that the next effort would be more successful. Grand Lodge determined, however, not to give it up; and the succeeding Grand Master was instructed to continue the agitation for a General Grand Lodge. We have learned through other sources that some of the Grand Masters who signified their desire to attend such a conference stated their opposition to a General Grand Lodge and that they would be against it in such a conference.

Grand Lodge committed itself to the establishment of a Masonic Home. A committee was appointed to procure a site, and plans were adopted for financing the enterprise.

A resolution was adopted to remit dues of all Masons of the Jurisdiction who enter any branch of the military service of the country.

Brother DAVID P. MASON presented a fine Correspondence Report, which includes ample notice of Pennsylvania (1915). The installation address of Grand Master WATRES is approvingly quoted; and referring to the death of our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, it is said: "His authoritative analysis of the proceedings in other Jurisdictions furnished an encyclopedia of fraternal life, duty and history."

W. G. SHELLNBARGER,	Portland,	Grand Master.
JAMES F. ROBINSON,	Portland,	Grand Secretary.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—1917.

FIFTH Annual Communication, February 13, 1917, at Manila.

Grand Master WILLIAM H. TAYLOR reported that their Grand Lodge had been generally recognized by the English speaking Grand Lodges of the world, and also by those of Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and a number in South America. We presume the list will have to be revised, in view of the action of the German Grand Lodges heretofore noted.

As the apparent result of a conference of the leading men of the Grand Lodge, he had granted dispensations for the creation of thirty-two new Lodges; and at this meeting of Grand Lodge his action was confirmed and charters were granted to them. Twenty-seven of them were composed of members of Lodges formerly under the Regional Grand Lodge of the Philippines, No. 2, a body constituent of the Grand Orient of Spain, which had unsuccessfully protested to the Grand Lodges of the world against recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. This culmination would appear to indicate the disintegration of the Regional Grand Lodge aforesaid, through the desertion of its members. Just how it came about, the actuating causes or influences, does not appear; but it may be presumed that the members of the "Regional" saw that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was established on a firm basis, that it had gained the favor of the Masonic world and that it was to their advantage, Masonically, to affiliate with it. We have heard some criticism, especially of the quality of the material acquired and methods of assimilating it; but we have not the authentic facts upon which to base a judgment as to the merits of such criticism. We can only credit our Philippine Brethren with proper motives and the wisdom to successfully work

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out any serious problems involved. That they believed it was for the best interests of Masonry in the Islands is attested by this approved statement of Grand Secretary NEWTON C. COMFORT in supporting it before the Grand Lodge:

“ I wish I had language to say to you what this will mean. Some at first may be tempted to criticize, but on second thought there will be none but will admit that a colossal work has been accomplished. I am of the opinion that no piece of Masonic work of such vast constructive potentialities has been done in the last century.

“ Think for a moment what it means! The unification of Brother Masons all working for the same end. The upbuilding of the Fraternity and the uniting of men of one thought and desire into a great Brotherhood under the one Fatherhood of God. To those who cannot see it in that light I feel that the sweet mission of Masonry has not yet taken hold of their hearts.”

There still exists at Manila a Lodge constituted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and we are informed by Brother WALTER W. WEBER, author of the Correspondence Report, that they will not cease their efforts to merge that Lodge into their Grand Lodge so as to remove “ all impediments to its sovereignty.” We do not understand the necessity of it for that purpose; and if he is right and speaks *ex cathedra*, it would appear to be a concession of weakness in title.

Brother WEBER bestows generous attentions upon Pennsylvania (1915) and copiously excerpts good things from our record. Being a native of Pennsylvania, “ to the dweller in Asia the dear old state appears more glorious than ever.”

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR,
NEWTON C. COMFORT,

Manila, .
Manila,

Grand Master.
Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1917.

FORTY-SECOND Annual Communication, June 27, 1917,
at Summerside, Grand Master, A. STIRLING MACKAY.

The Grand Master reported that the year had been one of steady progress, with marked improvement in ritualistic work and a true spirit of optimism among the Craft. His official address abounds with lofty sentiments, patriotic and Masonic. In the entrance of the United States into the war he saw the natural union of righteous forces in defence of liberty; that the peace of a century between our country and Great Britain and Canada is on a sure foundation, and our only contention can be one of love and good works. Grand Lodge said on the subject:

“We feel with our Grand Master the menace of famine within the bounds of our beloved Empire and the countries of our allies, and heartily endorse the call to economy, plain living and high thinking which he has uttered. We rejoice with the Grand Master on the entrance of our neighbor, the Great Republic, into the Colossal Struggle that is now deluging Europe with blood. With him we feel that, ‘We must be free or die, who speak the tongue that Shakespeare spake, the faith and morals hold that Milton held.’ We trust that the co-operation of the two great English speaking races is prophetic of a continuous aim and effort in the direction of the welfare of the race irrespective of creed or color, by seeking the advancement of the right, the protection of the weak, and the securing of an international peace, consistent with honor.”

Little things sometimes make a career or change the whole course of a man's life. Special notice should be taken of a thought of Brother MACKAY—put into action—concerning his Masonic Brethren who were serving in the war. He

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sent a message of greeting and cheer to each of them, with the good wishes of the Grand Lodge. It would be difficult to estimate the possible value of such ministration to the men who have to endure the stress and strain of military life, especially in the trenches.

The record of a unique incident is disclosed in the Proceedings: A resolution of congratulations was sent to Brother HARRY C. GREEN, who had attained the age of one hundred years.

BENJAMIN ROGERS,	Charlottetown,	Grand Master.
W. P. DOULL,	Charlottetown,	Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1917.

FORTY-SEVENTH Annual Communication, February 14, 1917, at Montreal.

Grand Master EDWARD A. EVANS declared that "never in the history of this Grand Lodge have the Brethren more faithfully endeavored to carry out, in every detail, the true principles of Masonry"; that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the year. Initiations increased 63 per cent. over the previous year. The Honor Roll to date comprised 520 enlisted members. Of these 25 were killed in action, 2 died of wounds, 31 reported wounded, 2 missing and 2 prisoners.

Financially, Grand Lodge shows a prosperous condition; its assets now exceed \$100,000. Appropriation of \$500 was made to a Sailors' Relief Fund, and \$2,000 to the Patriotic Fund and Red Cross. Disbursements through Lodges to worthy applicants for relief amounted to \$1,105.

Correspondence Report again came from the experienced pen of Past Grand Master E. T. CHAMBERS—a veteran reviewer of thirty years' service. The previous year he met the criticism made by some Correspondents upon the Grand

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Lodge of England for excluding from its Lodges Masons of German birth. He now finds that the judgment of some of the critics has been modified in view of a better understanding of all the facts; and he quotes the editor of "The Builder" as one of those who changed his mind on the subject after a visit to England and a closer view of the situation.

Proceedings of Pennsylvania apparently did not reach Brother CHAMBERS for his 1917 report.

W. W. WILLIAMSON,	Montreal,	Grand Master.
WILL H. WHYTE,	Montreal,	Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN—1917.

ELEVENTH Annual Communication, June 20, 1917, at Saskatoon, Grand Master JOHN H. ANDERSON on the Throne.

He reported that out of a total membership of 7,600 Masons in the Jurisdiction, 1,014 were in active military service. For these he made the earnest plea that they who remained at home should show due appreciation of their great sacrifice, saying:

"They have fought for principles, for Empire, for us; their sufferings have been endured that we might work out our destiny unmolested by the mailed fist of Prussian despotism. Shall we prove unworthy of that great sacrifice? Shall we be guilty of apathy and mock-heroic professions of charity and justice? DECIDEDLY NO! The spirit of our order and the dictates of conscience unite in acclaiming that we will share our Brother's burdens, that his load of suffering shall be lightened. When the urgency of the situation is once realized the response will be immediate and ample; undue delay would be well-nigh criminal."

The Grand Master urged that measures be taken to increase the Benevolent Fund, which then amounted to \$21,-

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762.56. At his suggestion Grand Lodge imposed an annual per capita tax of forty cents for said fund.

Charters were granted for five new Lodges and seven were continued under dispensation.

The Grand Master having ruled that an applicant for the degrees, whose left arm was cut off at the elbow, was not qualified, the Lodge which had received the petition applied to the Grand Lodge to reverse the ruling, mainly for the reason that "many of the pick of our young Canadian manhood will return after the Great War with perhaps the empty sleeve or the artificial limb." We do not find that the Grand Lodge considered or took any action in the matter.

JAMES McCAULEY,	Moose Jaw,	Grand Master.
W. B. TATE,	Regina,	Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND—1916.

THE booklet at hand covers the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, of February 3, 1916, and the minutes of the Grand Committee of subsequent dates to April 20, 1916.

April 20th, the Grand Committee, "after very full and anxious discussion" of the attitude to be assumed by the Grand Lodge towards Brethren of alien enemy birth, agreed upon the recommendation that Grand Lodge pass the following resolution:

"That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed, it is necessary that all brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian, or Turkish birth or nationality should not, during the continuance of the war, and until Grand Lodge, after the treaty of peace has been signed, shall otherwise determine, attend any meeting of Grand Lodge, or any Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or Daughter Lodge, or any other Masonic Meeting, and that such brethren do,

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and they are hereby required by Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance.

“ ‘ That during the period of non-attendance in obedience to this resolution, such brethren shall not be required to pay any annual contribution that may become due, which non-payment shall not be considered as constituting an arrear of dues.’ ”

“ That in regard to the wider question brought under discussion by the Grand Secretary of England’s letter, viz., the taking of more drastic steps by severing altogether Masonic ties with German and Hungarian Grand Lodges or brethren, the Special Committee recommended Grand Lodge to resolve as follows :

“ ‘ That for Constitutional and broad Masonic reasons this Grand Lodge is not prepared to take the further steps adverted to in Grand Secretary of England’s letter, being of opinion that justice cannot be done to such vital questions until after peace shall have been restored.’ ”

It is interesting to note a peculiar feature of jurisprudence in this Grand Lodge, as evidenced by the following ruling recommended by the Grand Committee for adoption :

“ An undischarged bankrupt ought not to be proposed for, or elected to, office. If already an office-bearer, he ought not to retain office. An undischarged bankrupt ought not to be proposed or admitted as a member of a Lodge—and his proposer and seconder (unless they were ignorant of the fact) are liable to be dealt with for breach of their masonic duty.”

COL. ROBERT KING STEWART, Murdostoun, Grand Master.

DAVID REID,

Edinburgh, Grand Secretary.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1917.

HALF-YEARLY Communication, October 18, 1916, and Annual Communication April 18, 1917, at Adelaide.

Grand Master EUSTACE B. GRUNDY, addressing the Grand Lodge, reported Freemasonry holding its own in the Jurisdiction, but, like every other institution, it was feeling the stress and strain of the war. He mentioned with pride the five hundred of their Brethren fighting at the front. Then he referred to the wounded men returning and said: "Let it be ours to see that these brave men and their dependents are cared for in a manner adequate to the debt we owe them, commensurate with the dignity of the Australian Nation."

Evidences multiply that the English dependencies are determined to help the Motherland "see it through." This further utterance of the Grand Master was received with loud applause:

"We all long for peace, but peace without victory is a contradiction in terms. Let us, then, remember that, in the words of a well-known writer: 'If from too little faith or vision we falter now, when the possibility of achieving our purpose seems dimly to be coming into view, and consent to an inconclusive compromise with the most dangerous forces that the world has even seen, we shall be guilty of treason to ourselves and our children, to every friend of liberty in Europe and the Dominions, and to every hope of an enduring peace.' God grant that when we meet again the peace of the world may be restored, and the healing of the nations begun."

Recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and also of the Philippine Islands.

In the Correspondence Report fraternal notice of Pennsylvania (1915) is given by Brother C. H. BEAUMONT, of the committee. Referring to the theme of Grand Master WATRES

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—“The Spirit of Freemasonry”—he says: “If only that could be wafted over the world, what a change there would be.”

EUSTACE B. GRUNDY,	Adelaide,	Grand Master.
CHARLES R. J. GLOVER,	Adelaide,	Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1916.

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH Annual Communication,
December 12, 1916, at Charleston.

Grand Lodge resolved that the Annual Communication of 1917 shall be numbered as the 181st. This was done to conform to the claim that Grand Lodge has been in continuous existence since the year 1736, and to correct an error in its records in that respect. Some doubt existing as to the correctness of the record, Grand Lodge in 1915 appointed a committee “to look into the matter of the age of the Grand Lodge.” The investigation was entrusted to Brother WILLIAM G. MAZYCK, of Charleston, a member of the Historical Committee, who now submitted an interesting report of the history of the Grand Lodge, from which we herewith present his résumé for the information of our readers who may be interested in the history of American Masonry:

“Thus, Brethren, have we traced with all possible care and the serious investigation of every available source of information the History of this Grand Lodge, and briefly recapitulating the more important facts bearing upon the inquiry with which we are charged, we show that:

“In 1736—A Provincial Grand Master was deputed ‘of South Carolina in America.’

“In 1737—The Provincial Grand Lodge was unquestionably in active existence.

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- “ In 1754—This Provincial Grand Lodge was reorganized.
- “ In 1777—The Provincial character was thrown off and the title changed to that of the Independent Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons.
- “ In 1791—This cumbersome title was shortened when the Grand Lodge was incorporated by Act of Assembly as ‘ The Grand Lodge of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons for this State.’
- “ In 1817—A long desired union was effected with the ‘ Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina Ancient York Masons,’ under the title of ‘ The Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina.’
- “ In 1818—A new Act of Incorporation was passed by the General Assembly.
- “ In 1854—‘ Led into error by an historical blunder, committed by Dr. Dalcho,’ the Grand Lodge celebrated with great elaboration its ‘ supposed ’ centennial.
- “ In 1876—The Grand Secretary wrongly numbered the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge the One Hundredth Annual Communication, an error which has since persisted.
- “ In 1877—An attempt, fortunately abortive, was made to again celebrate a Centennial Anniversary.

“ Through all these years, notwithstanding the changes of title, the continuity of the life of the Grand Lodge remained undisturbed, and from the facts above disclosed we reach the conclusion that the present year is the One Hundred and Eightieth Anniversary of the Oldest Grand Lodge in the Western Hemisphere, The Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina.”

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The official address of Grand Master R. A. COOPER dwelt principally upon the routine duties of his office. Replying to an invitation from Oregon to attend a conference of Grand Masters, he said he would come; but if its purpose was to promote a General Grand Lodge he would oppose it, for neither he nor his Grand Lodge favored it.

Grand Lodge has a fund approximating \$125,000 heretofore known as "The Masonic Home Fund." It is now to be called "Masonic Relief Fund," plans for establishing a Home having been abandoned. During the year \$6,693 was disbursed from this fund for the support of twenty-nine orphans in three orphanages, and nineteen other orphans and for the relief of twenty-four Master Masons and sixteen widows. No doubt this is a more economical method of Masonic beneficence, but we would not be surprised if the South Carolina Brethren will some time ask themselves if it meets the highest ideals of brotherly sympathy.

Past Grand Master J. L. MICHIE, author of the Correspondence Report, gave a good account of Pennsylvania (1915), and, speaking of our financial reports, says: "One gets lost in the maze of figures." Then he refers to us as "the premier Masonic Jurisdiction of the World."

He expresses astonishment, however, at our attitude towards the Eastern Star. He refers to the "Chesterfieldian qualities" of Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS, and, citing two of his decisions, wants to know "why he thus sits down so hard on the Eastern Star," an order which Brother MICHIE asserts has "done so much for them (Masons) in almost every Jurisdiction in the United States"; and he hopes "the new Foreign Correspondent will explain the wherefor of these decisions."

The "new Foreign Correspondent" begs to enlighten Brother MICHIE on the subject. He is quite right in his estimate of the "Chesterfieldian qualities" of Grand Master

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WILLIAMS, who is a married man and whose chivalry for the fair sex has been cultivated to the highest degree. But in the cases cited he was simply applying the Masonic law of the Grand Lodge, as established for nearly half a century, to disturb which no sentiment has yet developed in the Fraternity in Pennsylvania, notwithstanding the fact that many of our Masons belong to the Eastern Star, there being nothing in our laws and regulations to inhibit them. The following decisions of our Grand Masters will more fully explain the policy of our Grand Lodge on the subject:

“The Grand Lodge does not recognize a degree called the Eastern Star degree. A Masonic Lodge cannot recognize it either. It would be highly improper to make mention of it in its Minutes. To confer it in open Lodge, in my opinion, would be sufficient reason to call in and void the Warrant of the Lodge. There are no degrees in a Masonic Lodge, except the three: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.”

“Masonic Halls and Lodge rooms cannot be used for meetings of a society named Eastern Star.”

“It is forbidden to sign, seal or issue, to a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, any certificate as to the standing of a member.”

The above will serve to indicate that there can be no relation between a Masonic body and the Eastern Star, in Pennsylvania.

R. A. COOPER,

Laurens,

Grand Master.

O. FRANK HART,

Columbia,

Grand Secretary.

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SOUTH DAKOTA—1917.

FORTY-THIRD Annual Communication, June 12, 1917, at Hot Springs.

Grand Lodge opened with a ceremony of presenting the American flag and the Brethren singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Grand Master JAMES ROANE argued for the "use of the good old Masonic word 'Communication,' to distinguish the assemblies of all Masonic bodies"; and his Grand Lodge agreed with him that such should be the rule in South Dakota. No doubt the dignified term "Communication" has the sanction of established usage to designate the meeting of Grand Lodges; but it is not so clear that the same rule applies invariably to the subordinate bodies. In Pennsylvania we make the distinction—sanctioned by our law—of "Communication" of the Grand Lodge and "Meeting" of the Lodges. We are of the opinion that it will be difficult for our South Dakota Brethren to break themselves of the general habit of using the democratic word "Meeting," in speaking of their Lodge gatherings.

By suitable resolutions Grand Lodge pledged to "the Government of the United States our unswerving support and to our country our best efforts, our fortunes and our lives, to the end that victory may crown our arms, and that 'government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.' " It was also voted to subscribe \$4,000 for Liberty Bonds, to be placed in the Grand Charity Fund.

On favorable report of Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama was given recognition. It was found that "its Masonry is practiced in the Scottish Rite Ritual, the same as that practiced in Peru, Chile, Cuba, Porto Rico and Costa Rica." The Grand Master of Massachusetts is cited as authority for its regularity,

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he having made a personal investigation when visiting the Canal Zone.

“Landmark Eighteen” (physical perfection) was interpreted by Grand Lodge “to mean that competency to conform literally, with his own natural members, to all the requirements of the ceremonies of the several degrees and to receive and impart instruction therein, fulfils the requirements for physical perfection in the candidate.” In other words, this permits a “near” physical perfection.

Among the financial items is to be noted a payment on a donation to the Washington Memorial Association.

Brother S. A. BROWN’S Correspondence Report furnishes a good review of the world’s Masonic doings, though Pennsylvania is conspicuous by its absence.

FRED H. HUGG,	Yankton,	Grand Master.
GEORGE A. PETTIGREW,	Sioux Falls,	Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE—1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD Annual Communication, January 31, 1917, at Nashville.

In a very able and comprehensive official address, Grand Master CHARLES BARHAM presented a mass of statistics showing the progress of Masonry in the Jurisdiction, to gather which it must have taken much time and effort. A peculiar fact is disclosed—that immediately after the close of the Civil War a great impetus was given to the Craft; that from 1866 to 1870 it “grew by leaps and bounds,” and showed a greater increase in membership than for any similar period in the history of the Grand Lodge. It suggests an interesting investigation: the effect of war conditions in leading men’s minds to the value of Masonry and the desirability of affiliation with it. His final deduction was, that since 1870 Ma-

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sonry has failed to keep pace with the growth of population of the State.

That the Grand Master was determined to ascertain, by a close view, the condition of affairs in the Lodges, is shown by the fact that out of 457 Lodges he visited 314—an exceptional record of official devotion and energy. In making these visitations he traveled 15,097 miles, and met 6,875 Master Masons. In appreciation, Grand Lodge said of him: “The work of your Grand Master throughout the year has led him into great diversity of activities, and his record is unprecedented for comprehensiveness and efficiency.”

The Masonic Home was reported to be making good, substantial progress in its various functions and is on a better basis than ever before. It was claimed that “no institution of the kind in this country has a better health record than the Masonic Home of Tennessee.” Apropos of this subject, Brother HENRY A. CHAMBERS, in his Correspondence Report, discusses the tendency of ignoring the landmark of physical perfection, and remarks: “As indicated by the constant pressure on the Masonic Homes and Masonic charity funds—aside from the appeals to individual members—the Fraternity already has more than it can do to care for those who, after joining it under the rigid customary physical requirements, become needy, and who leave dependent widows and orphans.” It is a practical, rather than an academic consideration of the question that is suggested by Brother CHAMBERS, and to which it behooves the several Grand Lodges to give serious thought, especially those departing from the ancient landmark.

Pennsylvania (1915) is noticed by Brother CHAMBERS, and, referring to our financial affairs he says: “Pretty big business, that!”

JOHN T. PEELER,	Huntingdon,	Grand Master.
STITH M. CAIN,	Nashville,	Grand Secretary.

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TEXAS—1916.

EIGHTY-FIRST Annual Communication, December 5, 1916,
at Waco.

Distinguished visitors present included Past Grand Masters NELSON WILLIAMS, of Ohio; HENRY BANKS, of Georgia; and HARRY K. SIMPSON, of the District of Columbia. They were received with due honors. They were welcomed by Past Grand Master W. S. FLY, a conspicuous and able leader of the Fraternity in Texas. He was not old enough to get into the army during the Civil War, but admitted that for some years he had an idea "that a Yankee was a different kind of an animal from the rest of us and I had the greatest prejudice." But a visit to the North gave him a different perspective, and he discovered "that we are all Americans." It is a great pleasure to quote him further in the following patriotic and Masonic sentiment:

"I am glad that you are here, and I am glad to say that there is no unpleasantness down here in Texas toward any part of the Union. We are ready to fight and die for it. We have the same kind of Masonry that you have. We never forgot, when we were engaged in that awful strife, that we were Masons, and we didn't need any reconciliation after the war. Masons never need reconciliation, because they don't have any disagreements with each other, and that is the grandest thing about it. We didn't have to be reconciled after that great war, and we came together, and we have been standing together ever since. I believe that Freemasonry has done more than any other organization in America to cement the ties of brotherly love between the sections, and make us all realize that it is the proudest thing in this world to be an American citizen.

"I thank you that you have come here, and I welcome you in the name of the great State of Texas, and in the name of the greatest Fraternity on earth."

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Grand Master DAN S. McMILLIN reported that "Masonry in Texas was never in a more flourishing condition than now." As the result of a disastrous fire at Paris, 8,000 people were made homeless. An appeal to the Masons of the Jurisdiction for their relief brought contributions amounting to \$5,594.76. The local Lodge lost all of its property, but waived any participation in this fund in favor of the stricken and homeless people.

In the exercise of his discretion, under the law of the Jurisdiction, he granted permission to confer the degrees upon fifty physical defectives, ranging from loss of fingers and toes to "loss of small portion of skull," "one leg an inch shorter than the other," and "cross-eyed but sees well." He refused dispensations in thirty-eight cases of more serious defects, especially in the loss of fingers of the right hand, stiff knees and badly impaired eyes. Apparently Masonry in Texas is attractive to the maimed and disfigured.

By his direction the degrees were conferred by Lodges upon a long list of candidates subject to the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges which had requested the courtesy. We infer that they were men in the military service, then stationed in Texas on account of threatened trouble with Mexico. Every such request coming to him was granted. It is some evidence of the value of interjurisdictional comity and fraternal courtesy.

Report was made to him of a unique lodge meeting "in a Pass of the Sierras due east of the Headquarters encampment of the United States Punitive Expeditionary Forces in Mexico," commanded by General Pershing. There were twenty-three Masons present, nearly all of them commissioned or non-commissioned officers of the army, representing about fifteen different Jurisdictions. A Lodge was opened and closed "in due and ancient form." The only purpose of the meeting was for social and Masonic intercourse. It suggests

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the thought that Masonry is to play an important part in the lives and service of our men who are now embarking upon the enterprise of maintaining the honor of our country, as well as battling against the scourge of military despotism, which now threatens the liberties of the world.

Report for the Masonic Orphans' Home showed total number of children, 213; net per capita cost of maintenance for the year, including officers, teachers and employees, \$17.50 per month. A new boy's dormitory is to be built to meet the increasing needs of the Home.

Correspondence Report was again presented by Past Grand Master GEORGE W. TYLER; but it was his valediction, as he voluntarily retired from the work of that department. No reason is given, but no doubt it was because of conflict with private interests. We are sufficiently familiar with Brother TYLER's writings, his ability and enthusiasm for Masonry to appreciate the loss not only to Texas, but to the Fraternity generally who have read his reports.

Pennsylvania (1915) is given fraternal notice. It may interest our readers to read the following comment of Brother TYLER on our relations with other Jurisdictions in regard to certain applicants for the degrees:

“TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—The former attitude of Pennsylvania ‘that the petitioner has the right to go where he chooses’ has been ‘modified for the sole purpose, and that alone, of avoiding friction with our neighbors,’ says Grand Master Williams. Hereafter no petition will be received ‘from a resident of another jurisdiction,’ nor from ‘one not a resident of Pennsylvania the full period of one year.’ And he says ‘the converse of the proposition will probably ensue that no waivers will be granted by us.’ In the first determination we think Pennsylvania has simply fallen into line with all or nearly all of the American Grand Lodges; but, in the

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last averment, there is something of the spirit of the old lady who, after borrowing a washboard from her neighbors for quite a while, finally was able to purchase one of her own, and then announced that in future 'she would neither borrow nor lend.' "

FRANK C. JONES,

Houston,

Grand Master.

W. B. PEARSON,

Waco,

Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1917.

FORTY-SIXTH Annual Communication, January 16, 1917, at Salt Lake City.

It appears from the official address of Grand Master CHARLES C. GRIGGS that Salt Lake City is the headquarters of a clandestine body known as the "American Masonic Federation." He had collected information concerning this organization which was referred to a committee for further investigation and report on plans to deal with it with a view to its suppression.

Grand Lodge approved his decision that "the loss of the first joints of the fingers of the right hand will not debar a candidate." It also endorsed his suggestion that Master Masons "wear a sprig of evergreen on Memorial Day of each year, in memory of the Masonic Sailor and Soldier dead of the Nation."

Guided by the Committee on Correspondence, Grand Lodge refused recognition to the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama, on the grounds of an absence of legitimacy of origin. They found that it derived its authority from the Columbian Supreme Council and the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, neither of which is recognized by Utah; and it was further declared that it did not possess exclusive jurisdiction in the territory.

Brother S. H. GOODWIN, author of the Correspondence

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Report, is a clever writer, and furnished his Brethren with an interesting report. What he says of Pennsylvania (1915) is also of interest to us. Apparently he thinks there is too much self-satisfaction in our make-up, for this is his picture: "Hardly a document comes from the speakers in this Grand Body which does not somehow lay stress on the fact—as it is claimed—that Pennsylvania holds precedence, Masonically, over all other claimants, and that Philadelphia is the premier Masonic City of America." The charge is rather sweeping; but we assure Brother GOODWIN that if he will take the time to investigate the history and accomplishments of Masonry in Pennsylvania, he will forgive us for, and justify, our pride in our organization. Perhaps some of us are a little too exuberant at times in self-gratulation on what we are doing, but it is well to manifest a sufficient self-reliance upon one's self for the encouragement of others! Of course, Utah can learn nothing from Pennsylvania!

He, too, takes his fling at Grand Master J. HENRY WILLIAMS for what he terms "an absurdity" in our position on perpetual jurisdiction and interjurisdictional relations. He agrees that "each Grand Lodge is sovereign within its own borders," but resents what he mistakenly thinks is our intention to legislate for Utah. Brother GOODWIN misses the point. We have enough to do to attend to the Masonic business of our own Jurisdiction, without assuming to advise Utah how she shall conduct her affairs. As to candidates found unworthy by Pennsylvania to become Masons and therefore rejected, Utah may accept them all if she chooses; but we reserve the right to say that they shall not fraternize with us until the objections are removed at the place where they originated, and where the record of the candidate is best known.

CHARLES FRED JENNINGS, Salt Lake City, Grand Master.

FREEMAN A. McCARTY, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

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VERMONT—1917.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH Annual Communication, June 13, 1917, at Burlington.

Grand Master HENRY H. ROSS had served as Grand Secretary for thirteen years so efficiently and with such favor to the Brethren, that in 1916 the honors of Grand Master were bestowed upon him; and though a re-election was tendered to him he declined it and was again chosen Grand Secretary. It speaks well not only for his popularity, but for his ability and fidelity to the Craft. In his official address, in justification of the English Lodges in excluding Masons of German birth, he outlined the attitude of German Masonry towards all other Masonry and reproduced the following from German publications:

“ ‘The Masonry of Germany alone,’ writes a German newspaper, ‘deserves esteem and respect.’

“ ‘The war,’ says a German writer, ‘has taught us that the Masonry of our country must become exclusively national. It must wear a German dress, and have a German character. It must renounce every connection with the World’s Masonry.’

“ ‘The war,’ says another German journalist, ‘has destroyed all idea of Masonic Internationalism. International Masonry has become bankrupt. This opinion is general in all German Lodges. Masonic Cosmopolitanism is, therefore, a fiction. German Freemasonry has no need of the “International,” which has nothing to offer it.’

“ ‘The so-called English Masonry, which made such a boisterous entrance into the world in 1717, notwithstanding its unimportance, was very different from what we German Masons represent to ourselves as models of virtue. It was a very narrow—and very English—organization which had absolutely no thought of a union of humanity.

“ ‘The great extension of the idea to the whole of man-

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kind is the work of International "Deutschtum"; it is only the German brain and the German heart that can carry the enterprise to a successful end, together with the current of the World's Union. Let us be frank; for us Germans, our ideal dream of Internationalism has come to nought. Instead of being figurants we have become actors. In future we shall also continue to practice the model of Masonic virtues, but we shall not carry them out into the vast world.'

" ' Latin Masonry does not possess a single spark of the Masonic spirit. Our Masonic idea is truly German, or, in a wider sense—Germanic. English Masonry is nothing but vanity and sport; in it there is no trace of our spiritual comprehension. In France Masonry works in politics to which it sacrifices the great part of its activity. International Masonry is dead, and, notwithstanding all efforts to the contrary, will remain dead. Let us, therefore, be German Freemasons and work in our own way.'

" And lastly, here is the conclusion arrived at by a brother—' We German Freemasons will have nothing more to do with international relations and above all we will have no official relations. Long live German Freemasonry! Down with international fanaticism! It has deceived the world long enough and now deserves to be struck down! ' Here, as elsewhere, it is ' Germany above all.' "

His opinion on the above was endorsed by the Grand Lodge, as also his sentiments of patriotism in the present national crisis which he referred to as " our war, not that of Europe alone."

He made an earnest plea for a larger, broader practical charity; and, comparing Vermont with other Jurisdictions in that respect, plainly intimated that the result was not favorable to the former. While not favoring the establishment of a Masonic Home, he urged a more liberal policy in creating a Permanent Charity Fund of sufficient proportions to meet

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the increasing demands for the relief of the distressed, both in the Fraternity and out of it. His plea was impressive; and the record appears to indicate that it was received with favor by Grand Lodge.

Brother CHARLES H. DARLING'S Correspondence Report does not appear in the Proceedings.

DAVID A. ELLIOTT, White River Junction, Grand Master.

HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA—1916.

QUARTERLY Communications of March 15th, June 21st, September 20th and December 20th, 1916, at Melbourne, Grand Master, The Honorable CHARLES CARTY-SALMON being on the Throne.

The Grand Master, addressing Grand Lodge, referred to the war, and regretting that "the dark cloud of international conflict has not been dispersed," declared: "Victory for our Empire is more certain than ever, and we can but express the hope that when it comes it will be received with the same dignified self-control as has loss and temporary disappointment." During the year the Masonic bodies had subscribed about \$21,000 to the war funds, besides many subscriptions to the same funds by individual Masons; and about \$17,000 was placed in war loans. More than 900 of the Craft had gone into active military service; 22 had died in action; and 14 were suffering from wounds. And yet their membership had shown an appreciable increase. Disbursements of the Board of Benevolence exceeded \$6,000 for the year.

The Grand Master alluded to "some recent criticisms," and intimated that "the only procedure was to exercise that excellent Masonic virtue, Silence"; that for them "it was so to live our lives according to Masonic line and rule that the world might judge us by our works, and our beloved Craft

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by its fruits as produced by us"—the best possible to his Brethren.

The Board of General Purposes presented a recommendation to forbid Masons of "enemy birth" from attending meetings of any Masonic bodies during the war and until Grand Lodge shall otherwise direct. This is the same rule adopted by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. One of the prominent and active members of Grand Lodge, Rev. C. W. Wood, argued against it, on the grounds that "it is against British justice, unmasonic, unconstitutional and far too sweeping in its effects." It was adopted, however, "in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed." As in the other Jurisdictions mentioned, where the same course has been pursued, at first impulse one's sense of Masonic justice is given a jolt; but it is difficult to get the perspective of the Brethren of the Allied Nations and to judge their motives. We offer the opinion, however, that since the United States has entered the war, if any Brethren of "enemy birth"—and there is no lack of them—attempt to disturb the peace and harmony of the Craft in the Lodges of this country, they would be so dealt with as to make a second attempt impossible. We doubt that it will ever be necessary to adopt such a rule in American Masonry.

DR. CARTY-SALMON yielded to the solicitations of his Brethren that he serve them as Grand Master for a third year. Reference was made to weight and strain of his "commercial, medical, military, Parliamentary, social and Masonic duties," and in reply he said he was "one of the most restful men in the community, for has not rest been described as a change of occupation?"

The financial affairs of Grand Lodge were in fine shape. At the close of the year the Grand Treasurer's balance was in excess of \$200,000.

THE HON. C. CARTY-SALMON, Melbourne, Grand Master.

C. J. BARROW,

Melbourne, Grand Secretary.

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH Annual Communication, February 13, 1917, at Richmond.

The official address of Grand Master JAMES ALSTON CABELL shows him to have been a skilful leader, a man of rare talents and ability. Grand Lodge expressed its appreciation of his administration by saying it was "marked by the highest ability and worthy of the glorious traditions of our hallowed past." In one respect he may be classed among the Masonic "progressives." We refer to his views on the matter of physical qualifications of candidates for the degrees. This is what he said:

"The ancient regulations applicable to physical disability, which constituted necessary protection in the era of operative Masonry, is little respected in some of our sister jurisdictions at this time, and the tendency is to openly set them aside, waiving these disqualifications if the applicant is otherwise worthy and self-sustaining, and thereby living up to the profession that 'the internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards.'

"It is about time for this jurisdiction to assert that in selecting material for Masonry it depends more upon the mental efficiency and the moral character of the candidate than his physical ability to perform manual labor.

"I hope the light will never dawn upon the day when our institution will forget the debt of gratitude the world owes to those broad-minded, sturdy workmen who were the custodians of our great truths and nursed and kept burning the sacred fires upon the altars of what we to-day call Masonry through all the long and terrible era of the Dark Ages, with its ignorance, its intolerance, and its superstitions; but I can see no sound reason why we should, in this day of enlightenment and of speculative Masonry, handicap our institution,

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and seriously circumscribe its usefulness, by continuing the observance of old regulations, which have nothing to recommend them except that they were wise and judicious in another age and under other conditions.”

The above subject is to be considered by Grand Lodge at the succeeding Annual Communication. In further discussion of the same subject he said: “From the moment a candidate is brought to light he becomes a brother, to whom and from whom certain obligations are due, from which neither he nor the Craft can voluntarily and without cause absolve themselves.” This appears to be in strange contrast to his official decision that an Entered Apprenticed Mason has no right of Masonic burial, because “the ceremony (conducted by a Master Mason’s lodge) would be meaningless to him were he alive.” With all reverence for the subject, and respect for the Grand Master, and the basis of his ruling, it sounds like an Irish “bull.” We presume the ruling was really compelled by the law and regulations of the Grand Lodge—as it would be in Pennsylvania; but it might be expected that one who holds such liberal views on physical qualifications and concern for one outside of the Fraternity, would also advocate a liberal and humane consideration for a “brother” whom death has overtaken before his ambition to emerge into the full light of Masonry has been gratified.

The Grand Master’s conception of the Fraternity’s mission is exalting and was expressed in the following well-chosen words:

“By the help of God, I am able to report our jurisdiction has been blessed with peace and harmony, our influence and power have been enlarged, our membership increased, and our material possessions added to. I have an intense desire—almost a passion—for the prosperity and greatness of our institution, but my conception of that prosperity and greatness is

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more spiritual than material. I do not long for an institution possessed of a large membership and vast wealth so much as for one that can and does command the respect, the confidence, and the admiration of mankind; that wields a great influence and power for the good of God's creatures—consoling sorrow, assuaging pain, and

‘ —bringing gladness
To eyes that fail with wakefulness and tears,
And ache for the dark house and the long sleep ’;

that lifts them to higher and nobler conceptions, and so meets the demands, the cares, and the responsibilities of life that mankind must bear testimony that the world is wiser, happier, and better because of its existence and in consequence of its teachings.”

Report for the Masonic Home showed a maintenance cost for seventy-two children to be \$10,496.49 for the year. The Home is the pride of the Fraternity in Virginia, for its excellent work, and is well sustained.

Past Grand Master JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON is again responsible for the Correspondence Report. In his notice of Pennsylvania (1915) he says: “The Proceedings of this gigantic jurisdiction furnish so little for review.” We fear he does not dig deep enough; and if he were to analyze the scope and import of the recorded doings of our Grand Lodge, we feel sure he may find many texts worthy of his facile pen to elaborate. But while he sees so little for review or praise, he digs up our sins of omission for condemnation. He takes occasion to chide us (and his language is none too gentle) for our non-responsiveness to the Washington Memorial project. This is what he says:

“For years they contended, and all but exhausted sophistry in that contention, that Washington was a Pennsylvania

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Mason and Past Master, because he was named Master of Alexandria Lodge by the Grand Master of Virginia in their first Virginia charter, which charter is still in use. Their claim was based on the flimsy fact that for many months that Lodge still used the old number given it by a Provincial Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania. When Washington died, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania notified others, among them Ireland.

“Washington did meet with their Lodge many times, and they are very right to cherish the memory of those meetings, but we think that, in view of the above, they should have voted to the Memorial at least fifty thousand of their millions of dollars.”

We are not aware that Pennsylvania ever claimed that WASHINGTON was an active member of one of its Lodges; but it is a fact that he became an honorary member of the Lodge at Alexandria when it was still under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Therefore, in a sense, it may be said that he was a Pennsylvania Mason—let us say, by adoption and with his consent and pleasure. Further, it may be reasonably averred that in his Masonic life and associations WASHINGTON was perhaps in as close touch with Masonry in Pennsylvania as in Virginia. Brother EGGLESTON appears to admit it when he says, “Washington did meet with their Lodges many times.” We venture to assert that he met with Pennsylvania Masons and their Lodges more frequently than in Virginia.

But Brother EGGLESTON is right that our boasted intimate association of WASHINGTON with Pennsylvania Masonry should prompt us to adequately support the enterprise for a memorial to WASHINGTON, the Mason. However, we would remind him that the memorial temple is not yet built; that large bodies move slowly; and he need not be surprised if some day Pennsylvania arises to the occasion and makes the consummation possible. Of course, he fixes our assessment at

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what he really thinks is an impossible figure—fifty thousand dollars. No doubt that looks big to Virginia; but there's no telling what may happen when we wake up and get started. At any rate, we are likely to "see" Virginia and "go her better" even though she does eventually get the stakes. Meanwhile it is well to remember the old advice about the better way to catch flies!

HENRY K. FIELD,	Alexandria,	Grand Master.
CHARLES A. NESBITT,	Richmond,	Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON—1916.

FIFTY-NINTH Annual Communication, June 13, 1916, at Tacoma, Grand Master ROBERT L. SEBASTIAN presiding.

We frequently see mention of the Acacia Fraternity. It is an organization that exists more generally in the West. Grand Master SEBASTIAN gave a good description of it which we here quote for the information of our readers:

"At the risk of repetition, I will say that the Acacia is a Fraternity of college men who are Master Masons. At the various universities and colleges of our country it has chapters and chapter houses, and at these houses its members reside in most cases.

"The class of men who compose its membership is very high; men who are Masons and who are inspired with the high ideals of our institution. Among Acacia activities I mention: Comfortable housing for Masonic college students; assistance given to Masons or sons of Masons, or other relatives, in getting placed at college, and, if necessary, in securing outside employment; meetings and smokers whereby men with a common ideal may meet and get acquainted, and so become mutually helpful in many ways. The Chapter

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houses, being under the supervision of the older members of the Fraternity, afford excellent places of residence for the younger members, as they are under observation and in a position to receive the timely word of caution so often needed and so seldom given.

“ I regard it as a valuable adjunct to Masonry and recommend it to your good wishes.”

He deemed it necessary to refer to the undignified manner of conferring the “ Past Master’s degree in vogue in this and some other Jurisdictions,” and thought it would better be abandoned than to continue methods that made Master Masons feel like apologizing for it. Men of refined sense and who view Masonic ceremonies seriously will endorse his judgment in the following on the subject :

“ A Masonic gathering is no place for buffoonery. It is with a positive shock that some Masters witness the conferring of the degree, for the methods only too frequently followed are totally at variance with their ideas of things Masonic.”

Upon recommendation of Brother RALPH C. McALLASTER of the Committee on Correspondence, Grand Lodge refused to extend recognition to the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France. It is his opinion that “ it is really a colonization on French soil of some new Lodges under English patronage,” and should not be taken seriously.

Grand Secretary HORACE W. TYLER is an unusual example of self-abnegation. It was proposed to increase his salary ; but deferring to his protest, it was continued at the same amount. Being in ill health, it was voted that he should take a vacation for at least one month for recuperation, without loss of salary.

Grand Lodge declared that the display of American flags in the Lodges is to be commended. It was also determined to establish a Bureau of Lectures and arrange for addresses

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to the Lodges, to develop "a general and common activity of the principles of Masonry among the Fraternity."

Brother McALLASTER's Report on Correspondence is one of the few of the "topical" variety. There are many good things in it culled from the Proceedings of the several Grand Lodges; but time and allotted space forbid reference to them and his comments thereon. He mentions the discussion of Pennsylvania's position on "perpetual jurisdiction," and says it receives little recognition at the present time.

GEORGE R. MALCOLM,	Walla Walla,	Grand Master.
HORACE W. TYLER,	Tacoma,	Grand Secretary.

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THE frontispiece of Proceedings is the portrait of a magnificent specimen of manhood, with purity of character and intellectual power written in every feature. He is clothed in the military service uniform of an English soldier. It is a portrait of Most Worshipful Brother, The Most Reverend C. O. L. RILEY, D.D., V.D., Archbishop of Perth, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of this Jurisdiction, and Chaplain-General of the Commonwealth Forces of Australia abroad. He presided at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge July 27, 1916, when he bade his Brethren farewell to go to the front. The Brethren gave him a great ovation; and in thanking them he modestly expressed his gratification that he was considered fit to do his "bit" for his country. He had a narrow escape from death when the "Iverna," on which he sailed for the front, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. He returned to Perth the following spring, and was present to preside at the Quarterly Communication of April 26, 1917, when he was enthusiastically received by the Brethren, and again chosen Grand Master for the fourteenth consecutive term.

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Much of the business of the Grand Lodge had to do with reports on financial affairs, which included the administration of a Fund of Benevolence exceeding \$31,000; and a Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund in excess of \$52,000. With these they are doing an excellent work of Masonic charity.

Out of a membership of 4,131 in the Jurisdiction, more than 500 entered into active military service.

The Report on Correspondence contains notice of Pennsylvania (1915), special mention being made of our Masonic Home, and a number of extracts taken from the installation address of Grand Master WATRES.

MOST REV. C. O. L. RILEY,	Perth,	Grand Master.
J. D. STEVENSON,	Perth,	Grand Secretary.

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FIFTY-SECOND Annual Communication, December 15, 1916, at Huntington.

Grand Master T. WILBUR HENNEN made report of correspondence with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania concerning Eugene M. Camp, who had been rejected in our Lodge No. 526, for a physical disqualification, and afterwards admitted to a West Virginia Lodge without the usual inquiry to the former. While he did not recognize any rights of Pennsylvania in the premises, "courtesy" impelled him to furnish our Grand Master with the facts in the case, and said: "Its final adjustment was entirely satisfactory to all concerned and entitles Brother Camp to the same rights and privileges of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania as he is privileged to enjoy elsewhere." Upon what basis the adjustment was agreed upon and how Camp escaped the usual Pennsylvania edict does not appear.

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He gave strong endorsement to the George Washington Memorial Association, and at his suggestion Grand Lodge voted its pledge to donate \$500 towards the building of the memorial temple at Alexandria, Va., in addition to the fee for a life membership.

The Masons of West Virginia and Pennsylvania have a common interest in the memory of the late Brother HENRY KRUG, from whose estate they shared munificent bequests for Masonic charity. The Proceedings before us contains a full-page portrait of Brother KRUG and a sketch of his life. He was born at Brady's Bend, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, in 1860, and died at his home at Marcus Hook in 1914, where he was engaged in the stave and cooperage manufacturing business. While in the same business at Sistersville, West Virginia, in 1887, he was made a Mason in Phoenix Lodge, No. 73, at that place, and continued to be a member of that Lodge to the time of his death. His biographer says of him:

"After entering Masonry, Brother Krug took its doctrines and tenets in dead earnest. He thought they meant something, and acted accordingly.

"Suffering, want and poverty appealed strongly to his sympathy; and many a poor and unfortunate family and person in and about Sistersville can testify to frequent and substantial donations in relief of distress and want. His benefactions were unostentatious.

"During stressful times and inclement weather, he seemed fertile in searching out personally cases of want and in relieving the same ungrudgingly.

"Few, except the recipients themselves, knew of his many benefactions, until after he changed his place of business to Marcus Hook.

"In his business relations he was scrupulously honest,

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never permitting an employee to lose money on any contract made with him.

“If a contractor thought he had lost money on the contract Henry Krug always made it profitable for him.

“If he broke down a wagon in hauling for him, Henry Krug paid him for the wagon, although under no legal or moral obligation so to do.

“He was an enterprising man and a fine manager; he was the valued personal asset which made his business successful.

“Everything he touched turned to gold, and he in turn converted gold into love and charity.

“He possessed an impressive personality, physical and mental; and these impressed themselves upon his business, his friends and the fraternity. He worked at three things; his business, his fraternity and his charity. He seemed to live but to make money that he might donate it to charity. A reading of his will is eloquent evidence of this fact. Where he gave one dollar to relatives he gave nine to charity.”

The value of West Virginia's share of the Krug estate (December, 1916) was about \$150,000, which is to be the nucleus for a Masonic Home, to be called the “West Virginia Henry Krug Masonic Home.” Grand Lodge is also to perpetuate the memory of Brother KRUG by placing a suitable tablet in the lodge room of No. 73, at Sistersville, expressive of his Masonic virtues and especially of his spirit of charity.

Pennsylvania (1915) is included in Brother G. W. ATKINSON's Correspondence Report. He pays a tribute to our late Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON in these words: “He was one of Pennsylvania's greatest Masons and left his impress on the times in which he lived.”

CHARLES E. CARRIGAN,	Moundsville,	Grand Master.
JOHN M. COLLINS,	Charleston,	Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN—1917.

SEVENTY-THIRD Annual Communication, June 12, 1917,
at Milwaukee.

There was no uncertain note in the patriotism of Grand Master CYRUS S. STOCKWELL's reference to the war when he said:

"Into this seething, boiling maelstrom our own country has been forced and we are now a part of that titanic struggle. It is now too late for discussing the causes which drew us into the war. The time has come for action, not criticism. Our country needs the support of every citizen, and we, as members of this great fraternity, should not fail to come to its assistance with all our resources, moral, financial and physical. Let us forget that we are partisans of any party. In fact, forget that we have a political creed, and remember only this, that the allegiance which we owe to our country is second only to that which we owe to our God, and that the eyes of the world are upon us.

"Brethren, this not taking Masonry into politics, nor bringing politics into Masonry, but we, as Americans, whether our ancestors came over in the Mayflower, or whether we came through Castle Garden yesterday, should have this thought ever uppermost in our minds: WE ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS."

We hope the above came to the attention of a certain United States Senator representing Wisconsin.

Grand Lodge directed that \$5,000 of its funds be invested in Liberty Bonds.

The absorbing item of business before Grand Lodge was the final report on the Masonic Home and the adoption of plans for its construction and regulation. It was made possible by the munificence of Brother WILLARD VAN BRUNT, who donated the sum of \$200,000 as an endowment fund, and through whose interest in the project a well-stocked farm of about 320 acres near Douseman was acquired by Grand Lodge

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without expense. Buildings are to be erected at once, at a cost of \$150,000.

An unusual and dramatic incident occurred in Grand Lodge which consisted of the presentation of three generations of the Stockwell family, all Master Masons—the Grand Master; his son, a Past Senior Grand Warden; and his grandson, who appeared in the uniform of a soldier of the United States. They were received with great enthusiasm, the Brethren rising and singing “America.”

It was agreed that a determined effort be made to induce the Lodges to send representatives to the Communications of Grand Lodge; and to that end it was voted that any Lodge hereafter failing in that respect shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars. Perhaps some of the Lodges may find it cheaper to pay the fine than to pay the expense of a representative!

Brother ALDRO JENKS' Correspondence Report does not include mention of Pennsylvania.

WILLARD S. GRISWOLD,	Waukesha,	Grand Master.
WILLIAM W. PERRY,	Milwaukee,	Grand Secretary.

WYOMING—1916.

FORTY-SECOND Annual Communication, September 13, 1916, at Sheridan.

Grand Master W. H. DICKINSON reported the Jurisdiction to be in a condition of prosperity, progress and peace. We find nothing in his official address to interest our readers. The same is true of the transactions of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Secretary JOSEPH M. LOWNDES wrote the Report on Correspondence, in which Pennsylvania (1915) is fraternally and amply noticed.

HERBERT J. KING,	Laramie,	Grand Master.
JOSEPH M. LOWNDES,	Lander,	Grand Secretary.

MASONRY AND THE WAR.

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In our examination of Proceedings of Grand Lodges meeting in the United States since April 6, 1917, particular attention has been given to the manner in which they have responded to the state of war declared by our Government on that date against Germany. The result of our observation is to report that American Masonry is patriotic to the core. Without exception the Grand Lodges, taking cognizance of the war situation, declared their loyalty and support to the Government in unequivocal terms. Scenes were enacted in many of them, characterized by deep patriotic emotion, that are seldom or never witnessed in a Masonic body.

It is what might be expected; for American Masons represent the most enlightened citizenship, the highest standards of moral and social virtues of our country, and as such were certain to get the right perspective of our participation in the war.

President Wilson tells us that we are in the war "to make the world safe for democracy." The proposition is altogether true and worth fighting for. But if it is too altruistic for some of our people to appreciate, if their vision is too limited for that, they ought at least to be able to understand that we are fighting to make the United States safe for democracy; for just so sure as autocratic Germany wins the present war, our democracy will be seriously menaced by insatiable German conquest, and we will have to fight on American soil for the life of our Government. We might have avoided the war for a time had we been willing to bend the knee to the Kaiser and bow our heads to his mandates; to sacrifice our honor, our dignity and our rights; to stultify ourselves as a sovereign nation. But had we done so, eventually Germany would have said: "The Americans are all women; they are cowards and afraid of us; and when we have finished the

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conquest of Europe we will pick a quarrel with the United States, go over there, subjugate that country and make them pay tribute to us." It was easily within the range of possibility, in our state of unpreparedness, and was vouched for by our ablest military leaders. That this was in the mind of the Kaiser is attested by his statement to Ambassador Gerard that he "would stand no nonsense from America after the war."

It is not our purpose—indeed, it would be supererogation—to here discuss the various causes and phases of the war. Our readers are well informed concerning them. But, as a Mason, we are constrained to briefly put on record a reference to some of the causes which forced the United States into the war. It is our deliberate judgment that, at the moment Germany blasted her way through Belgium and began her diabolical atrocities, it was inevitable that we should sooner or later be at war with her. It is the logic of events that we are at war with her; for a democratic, humane, chivalrous and self-respecting people cannot long be at peace with the inventors of poisonous gas, liquid fire, poisoned candy and disease germs as weapons of war; with the murderers and ravishers of women and innocent maidenhood, and the slave drivers of a conquered people; with pirates of the high seas who sink relief and hospital ships, and spare neither unarmed seamen nor travelers even though they be helpless and defenseless women and children of America or any other neutral; with a government that filled our country with spies and hired assassins to destroy our property and the lives of our workmen, and that incited a neighboring country to make war upon us with the promise that it should have a part of our territory; with a diplomacy that "sinks without leaving a trace." The counts in the indictment are too many to be here set forth. Their boasted Kultur is but a thin veneer that

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has cracked and uncovered a refined system of frightfulness and savagery, a prototype of which is seen in the hordes that were led by Alaric, Attila and Genseric. It is not so much to be wondered at that a holiday was observed and the sinking of the *Lusitania* gleefully celebrated in the schools and churches.

The amazing thing about the war is that the enlightened nations now at war with Germany did not realize how close at hand it was, and did not adequately prepare to meet it. The public utterances of the Kaiser, in hundreds of speeches, were unmistakable notice that he was preparing for conquest. The nation was known to be permeated with the philosophy of Nietzsche, Treitschke and Bernhardi, which taught that war is the natural occupation of mankind; that it "hallows every cause"; that might makes right; that the individual exists for the state; that Germanism was destined to dominate the politics and commerce of the world.

Masonry, as American Masons know it, cannot thrive in such an atmosphere and fulfil its mission. It cannot accommodate itself to such a theory of ethics. Masonry "made in Germany" may be able to condone the moral depravity and the unspeakable horrors practised by the Huns under the guise of "military necessity"; but to minds of decent American Masons the situation presents the direst scourge of modern times, to be dealt with by the strong arm of protesting justice, as a warning to generations and nations of the future centuries. Students of history may tell us that war has not always been an unmixed evil; but we fail to find any redeeming features in the methods pursued or the ends sought to be attained by the Teutons in this war.

American Masonry, therefore, bids God-speed to the valor of the American arms and the Government directing them. It pledges its unstinted loyalty and support until un-

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compromising victory shall be attained, when the justice of restitution and reparation shall have been obtained, and an opportunity for regeneration given to the deluded followers of the War Lord.

Fraternally submitted,

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